

# A robust self-learning method for fully unsupervised cross-lingual mappings of word embeddings

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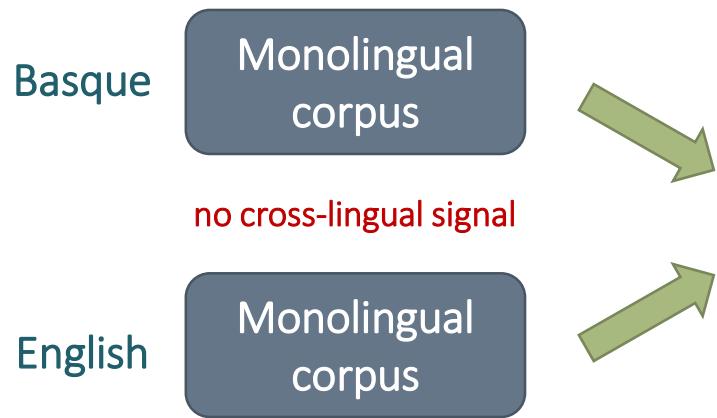
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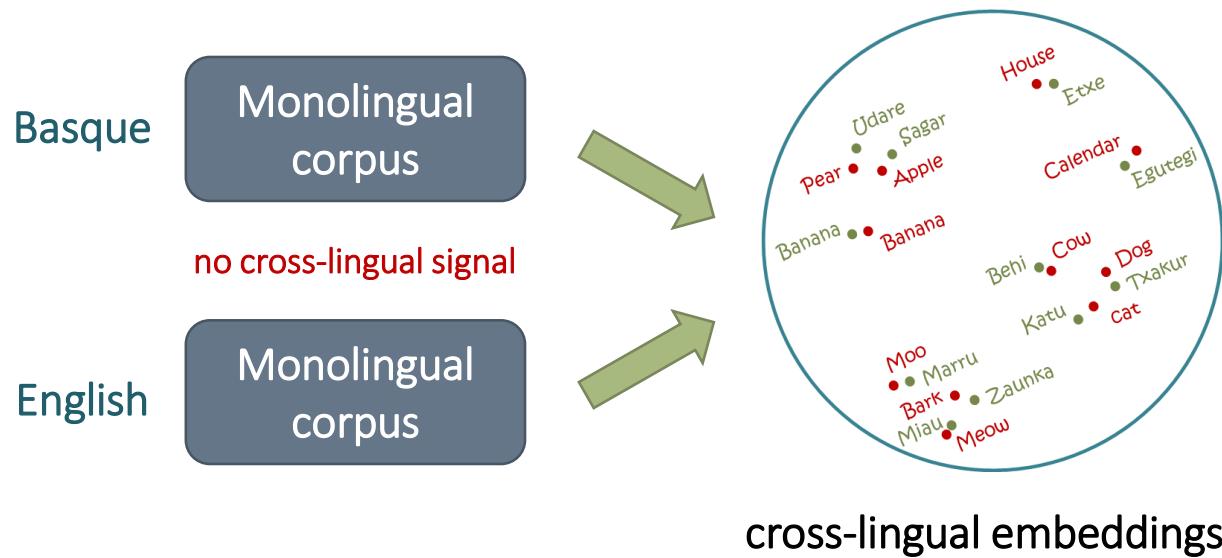
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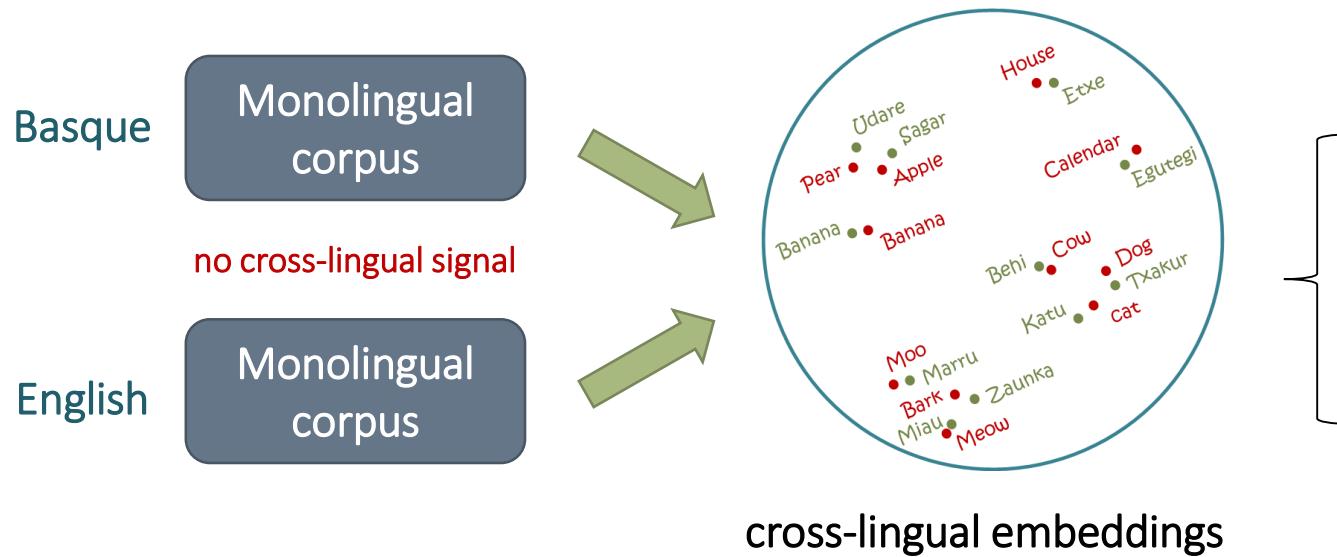
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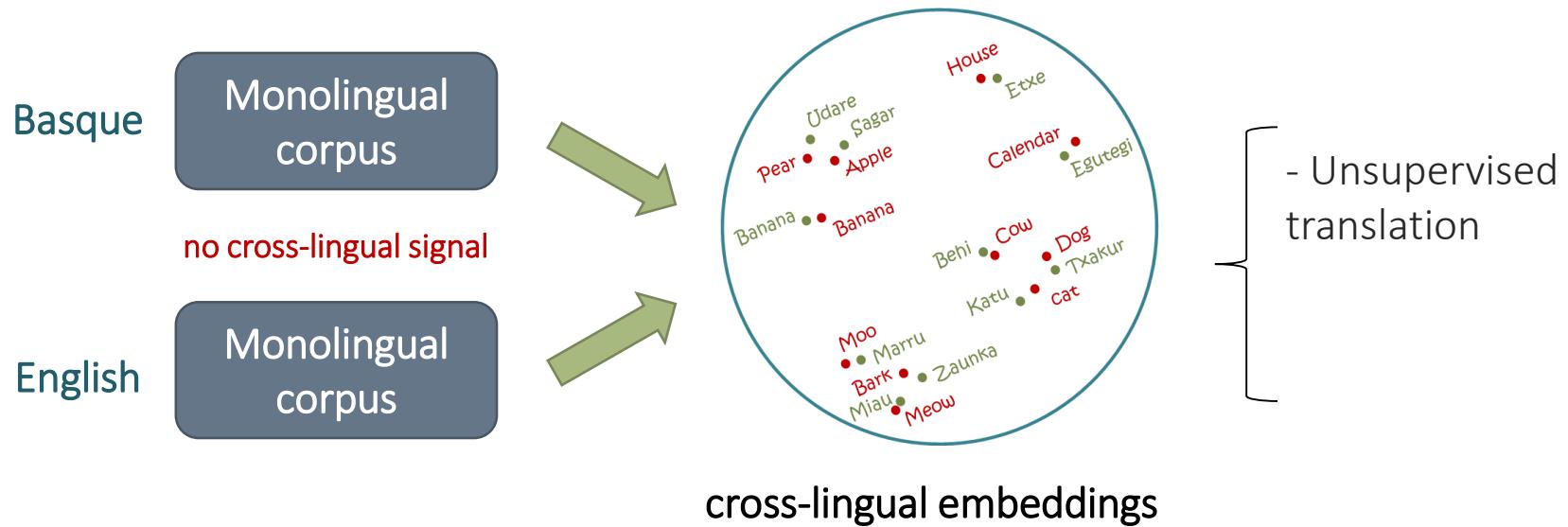
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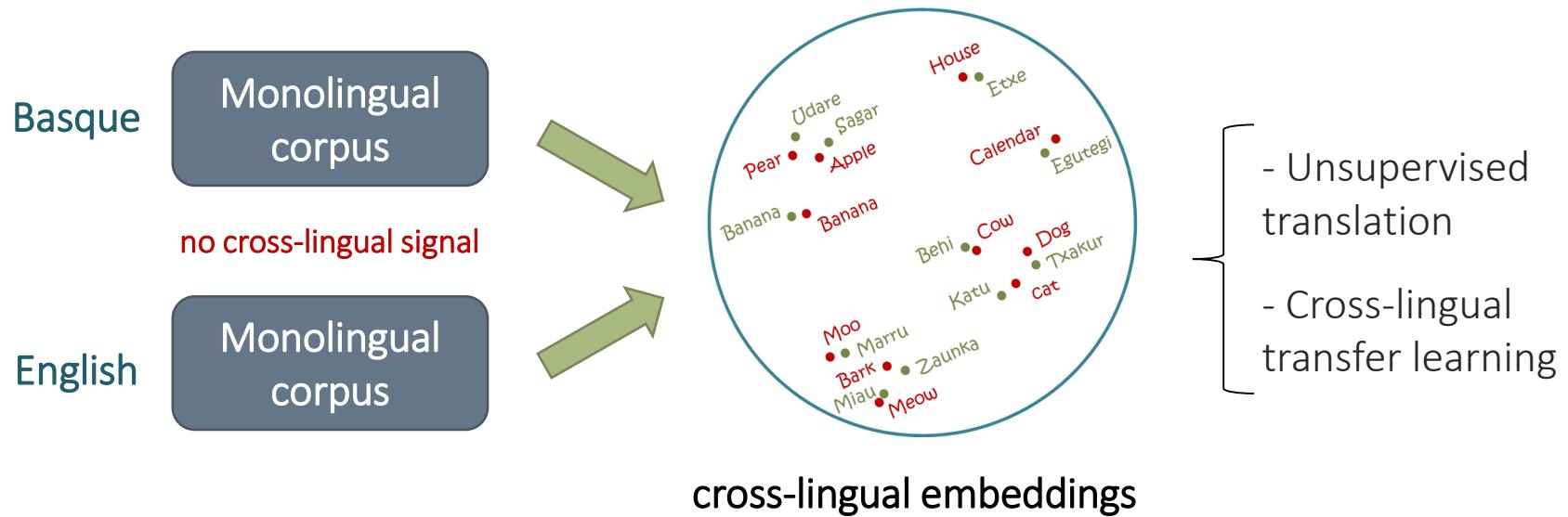
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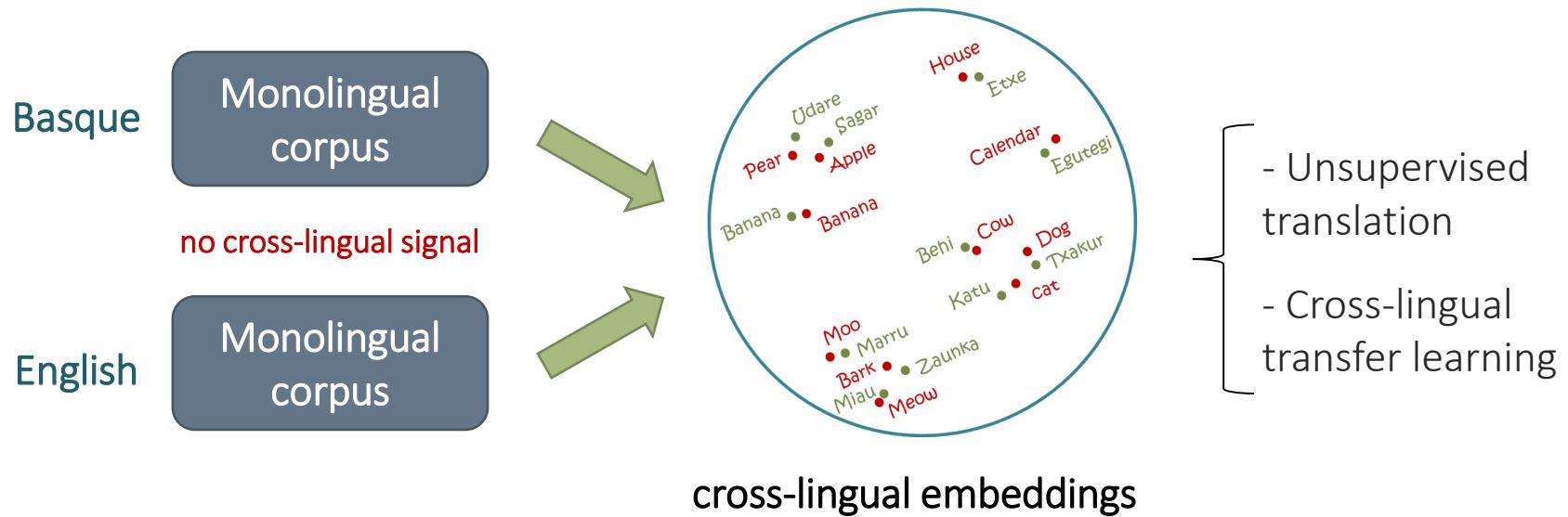
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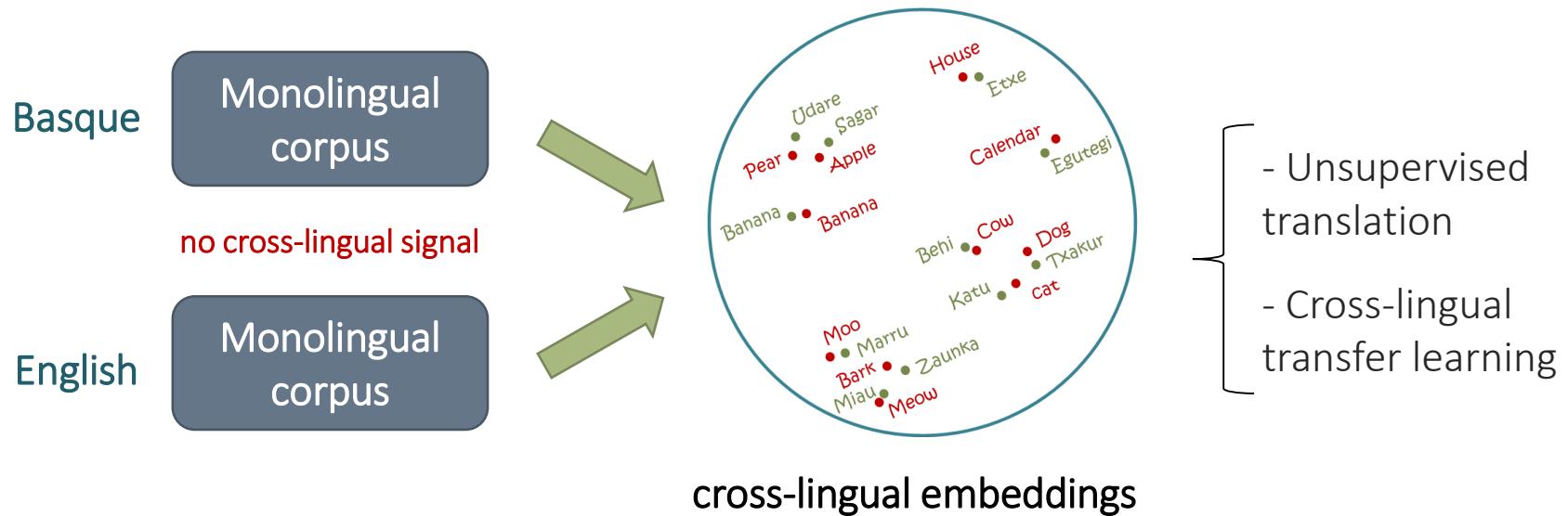
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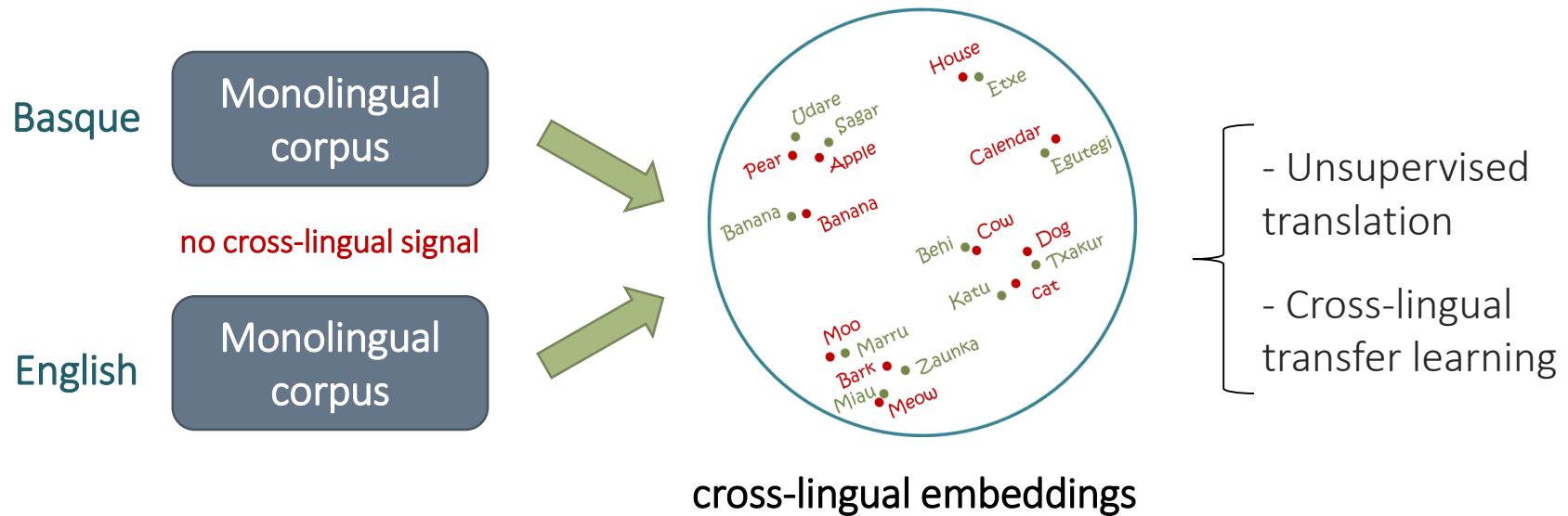


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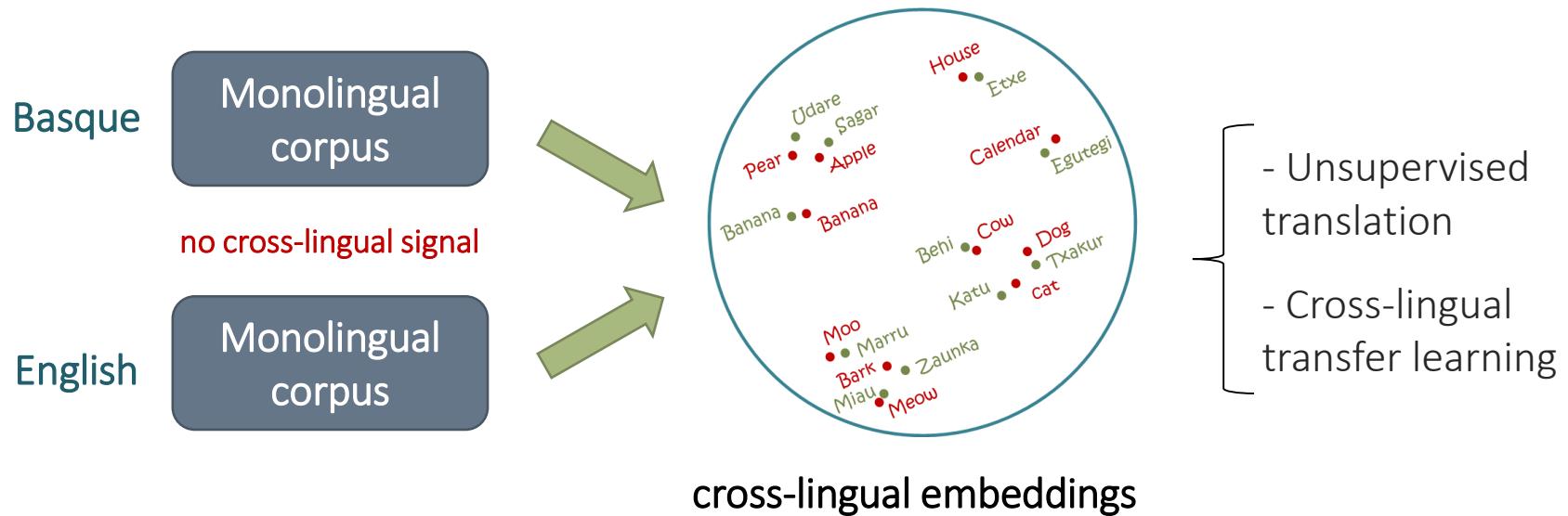


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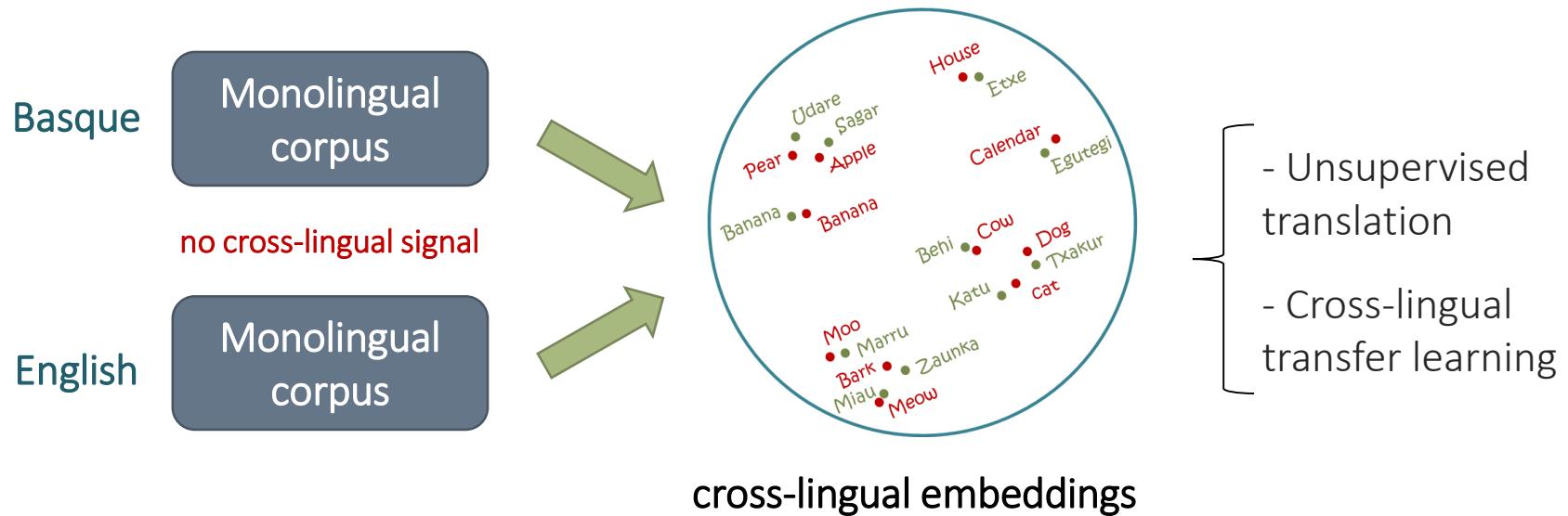


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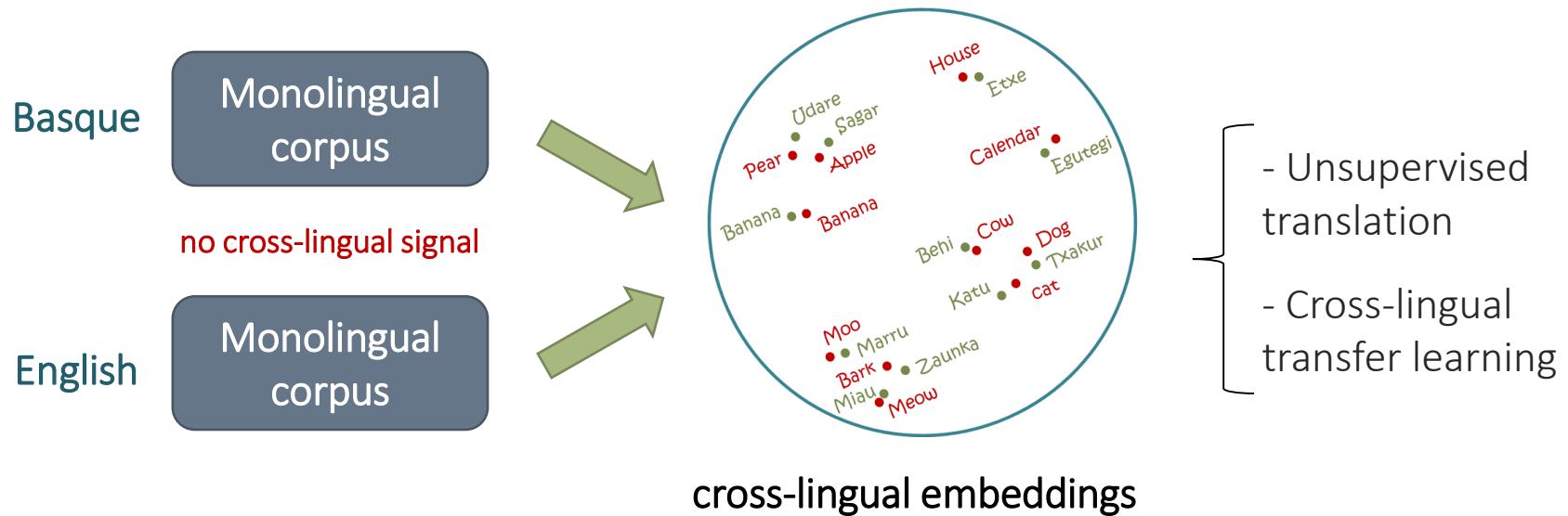


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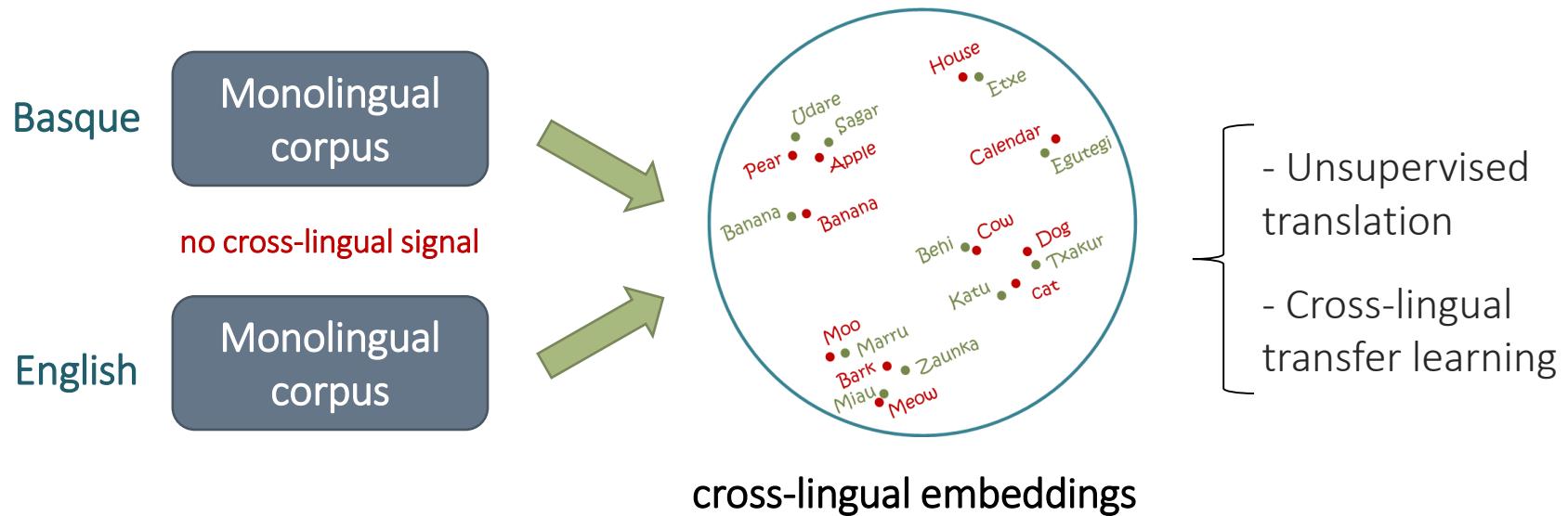
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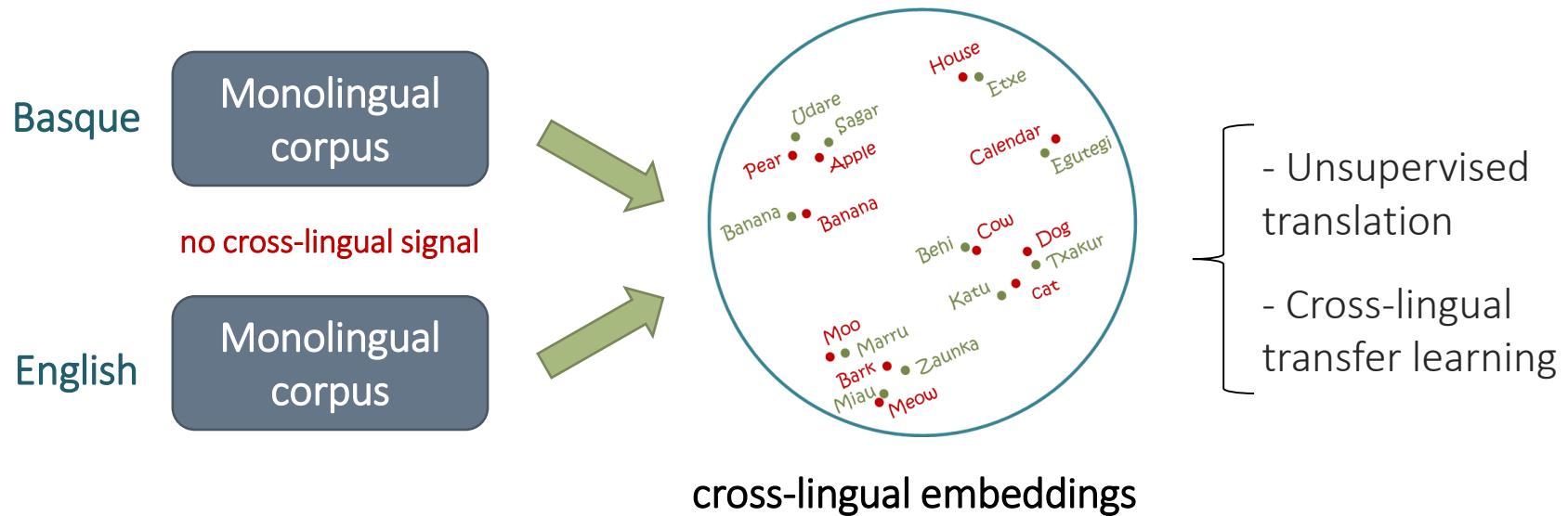
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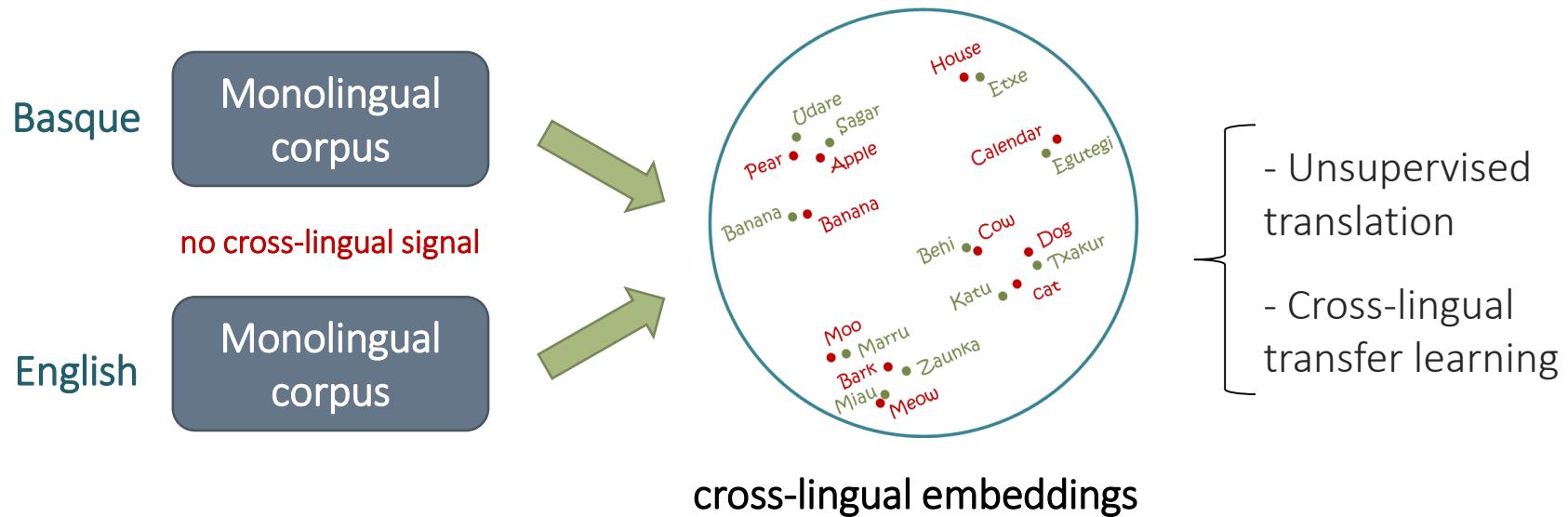
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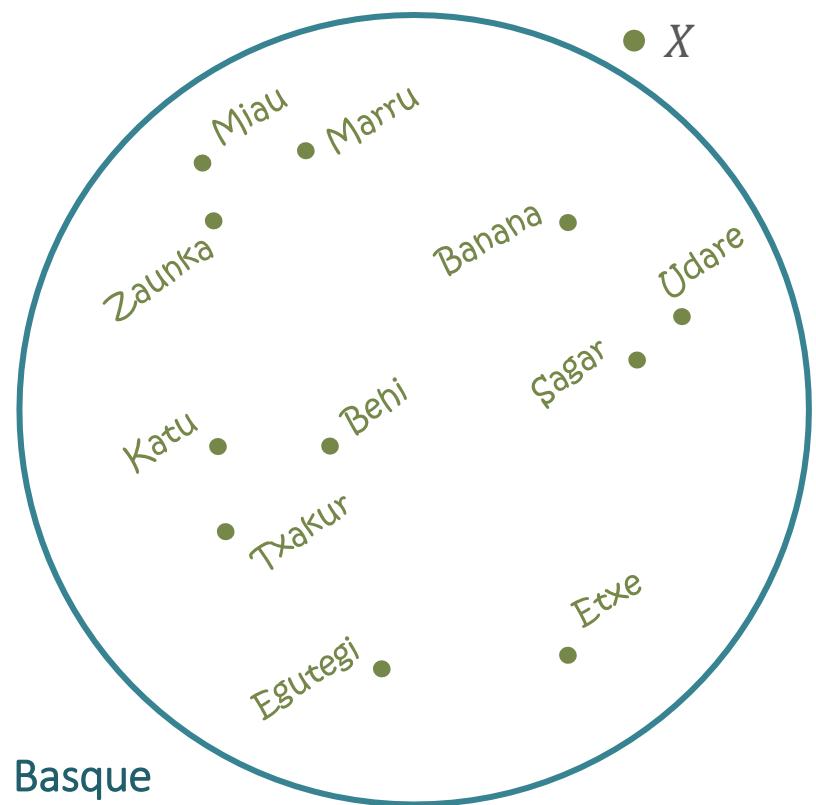
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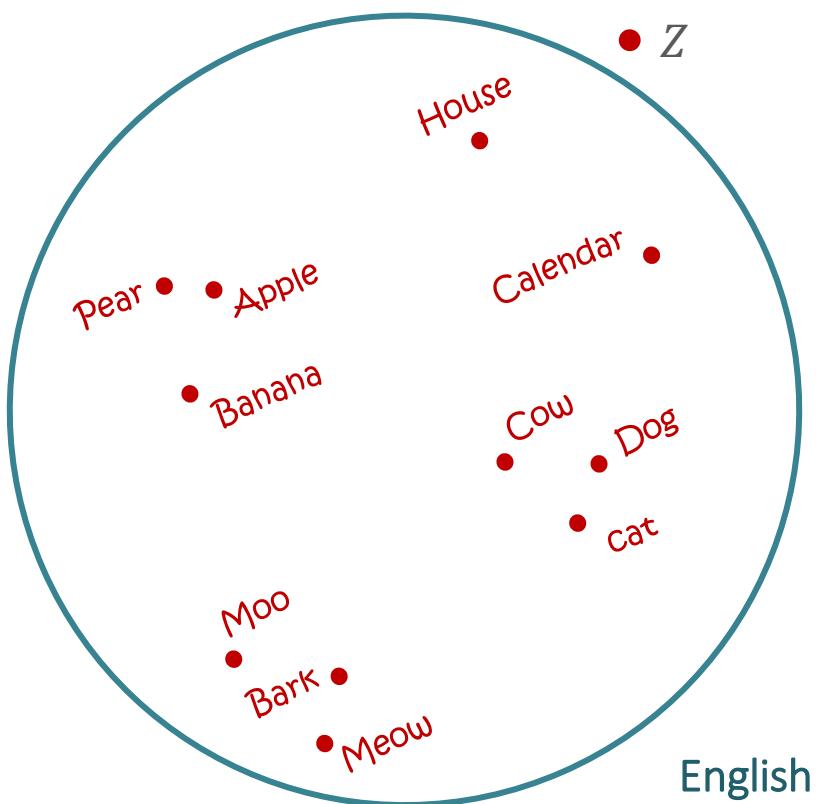
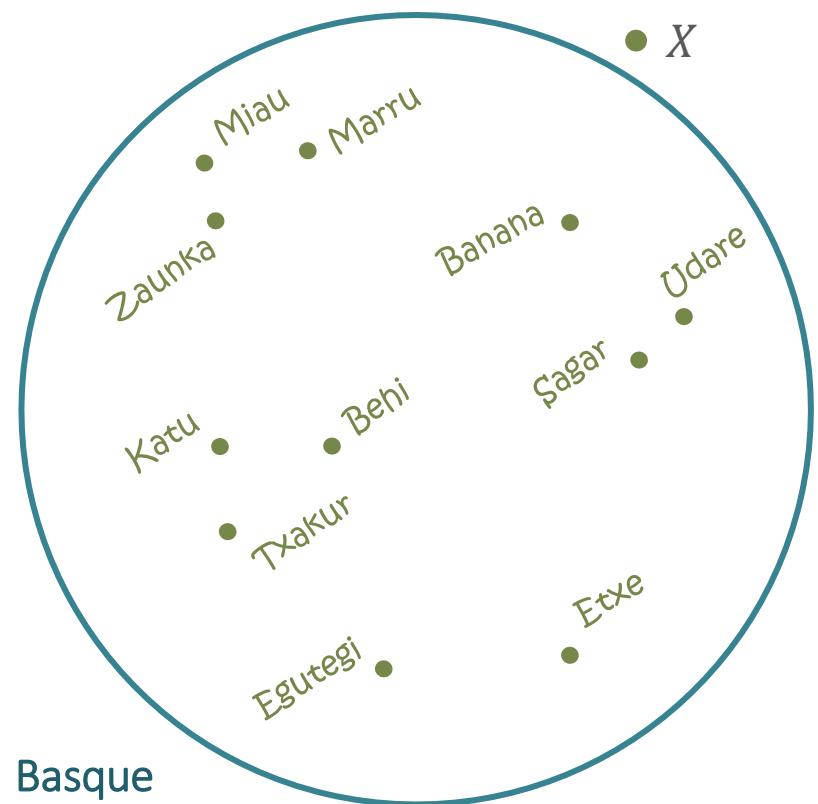
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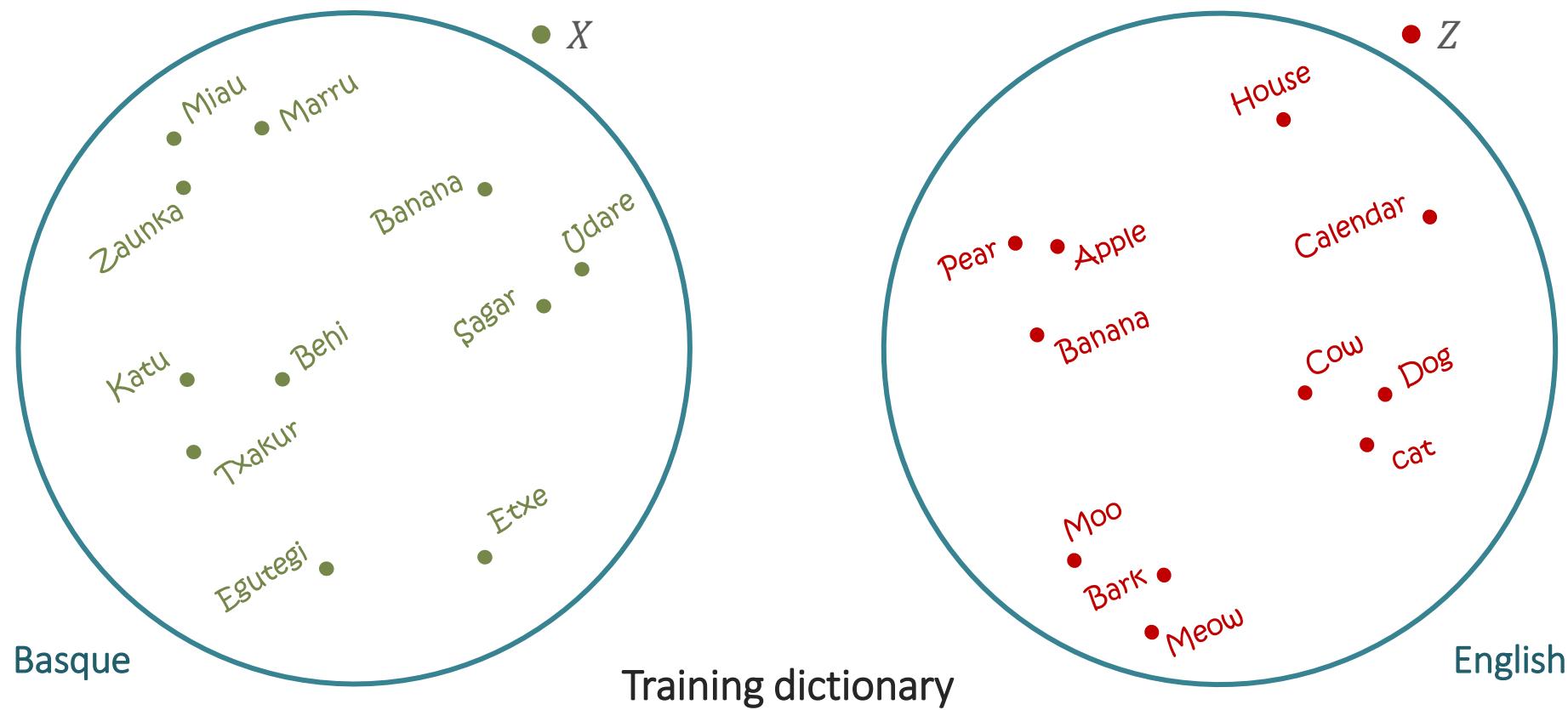
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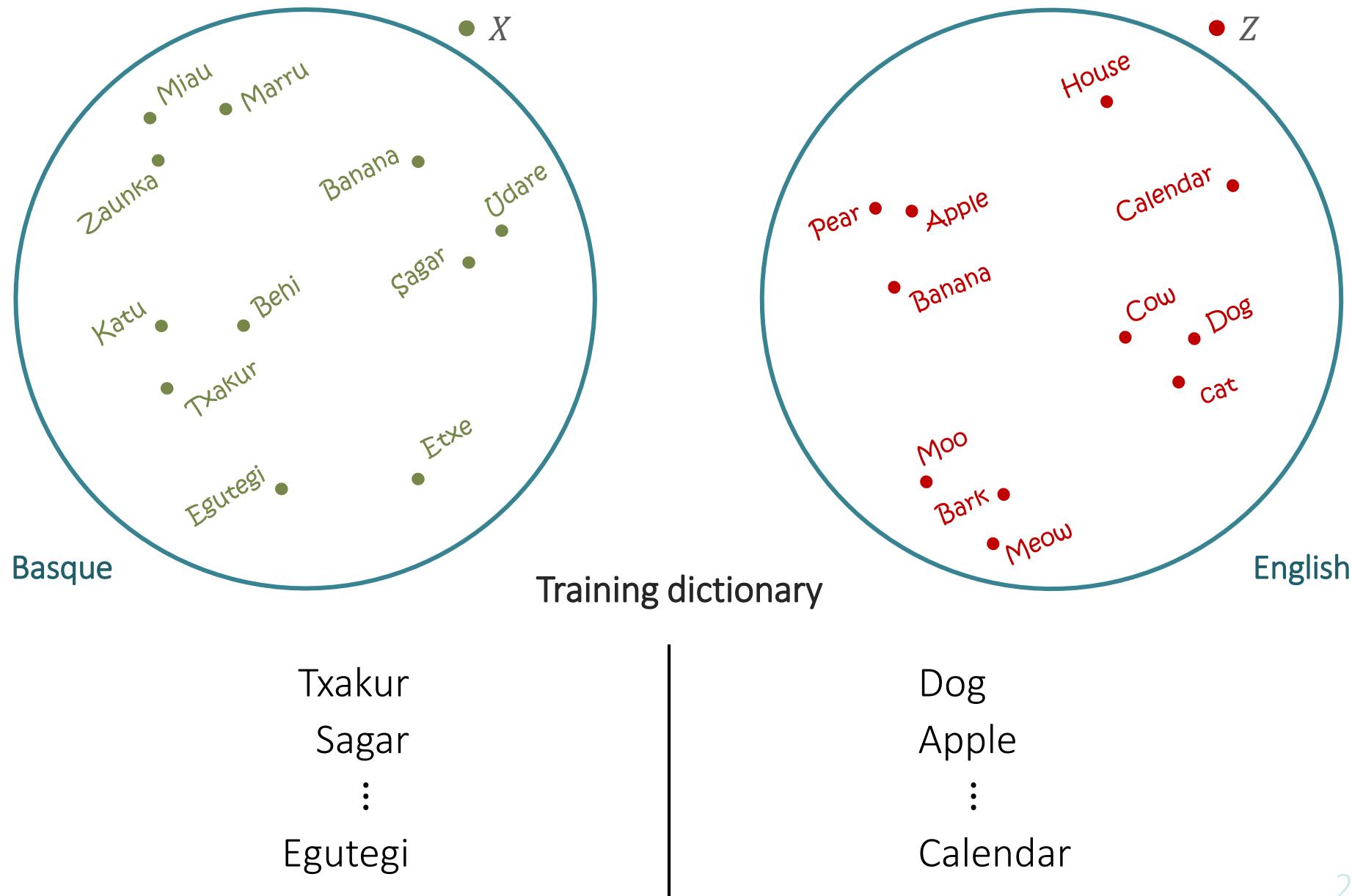
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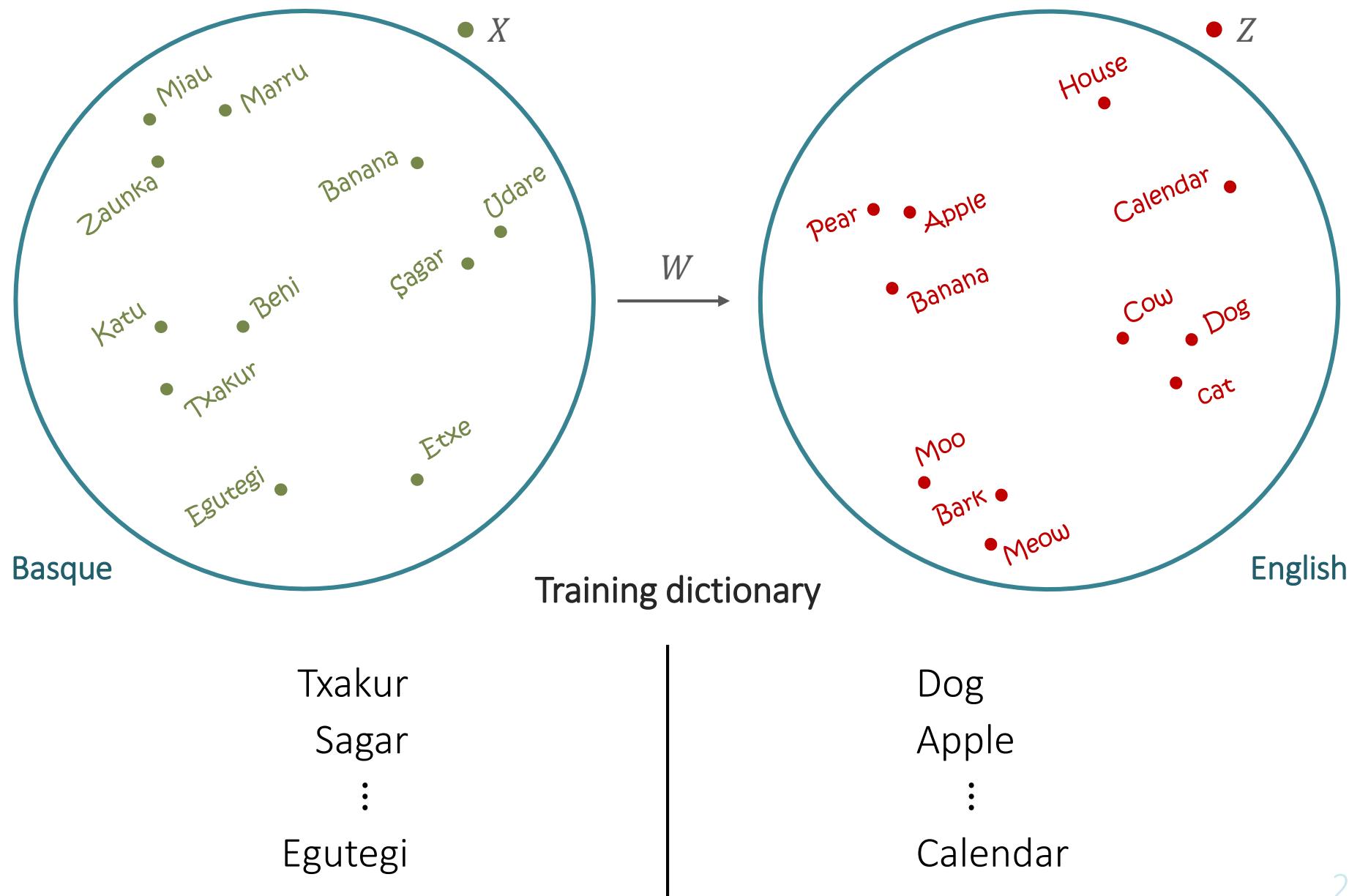
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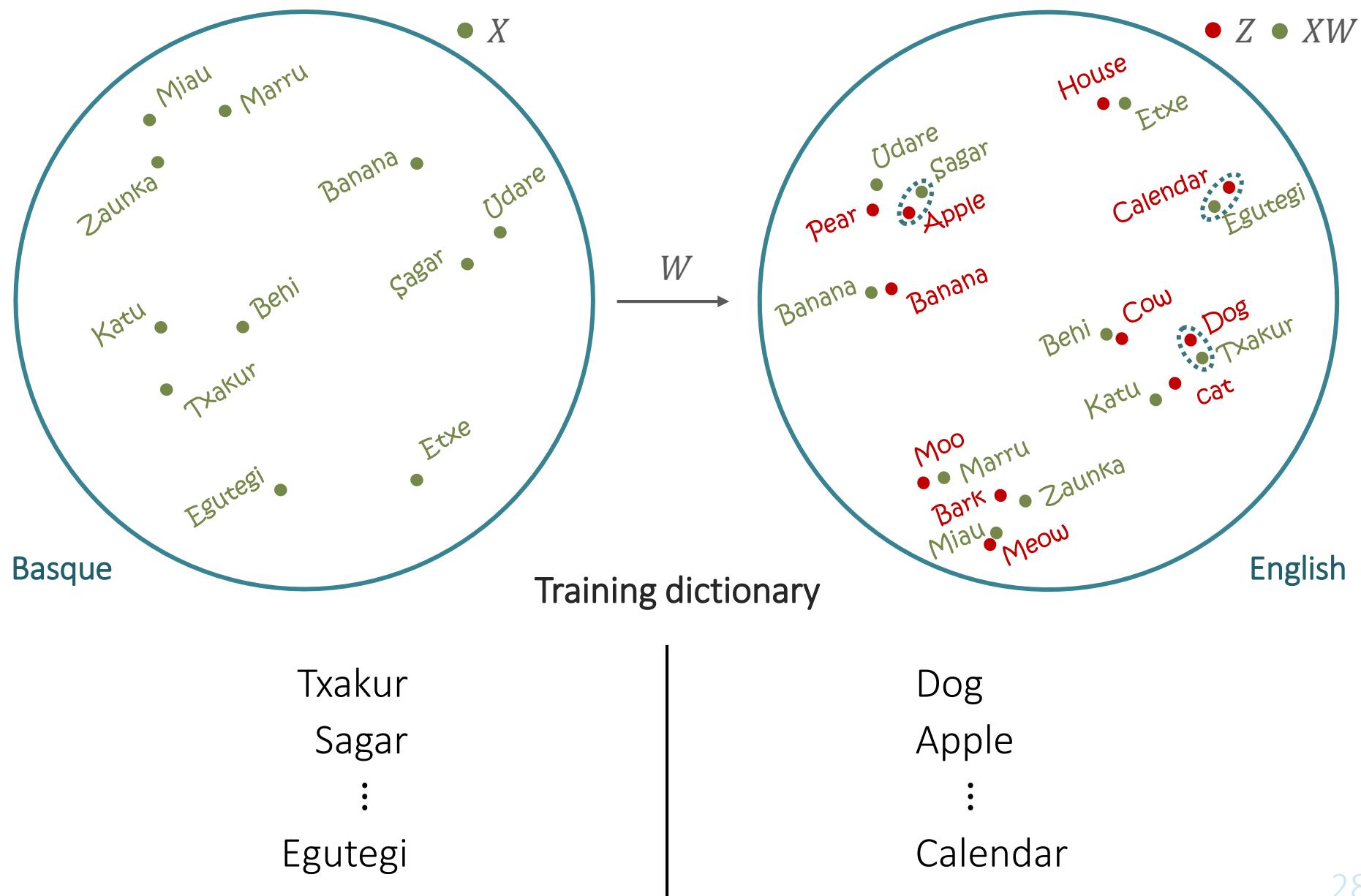
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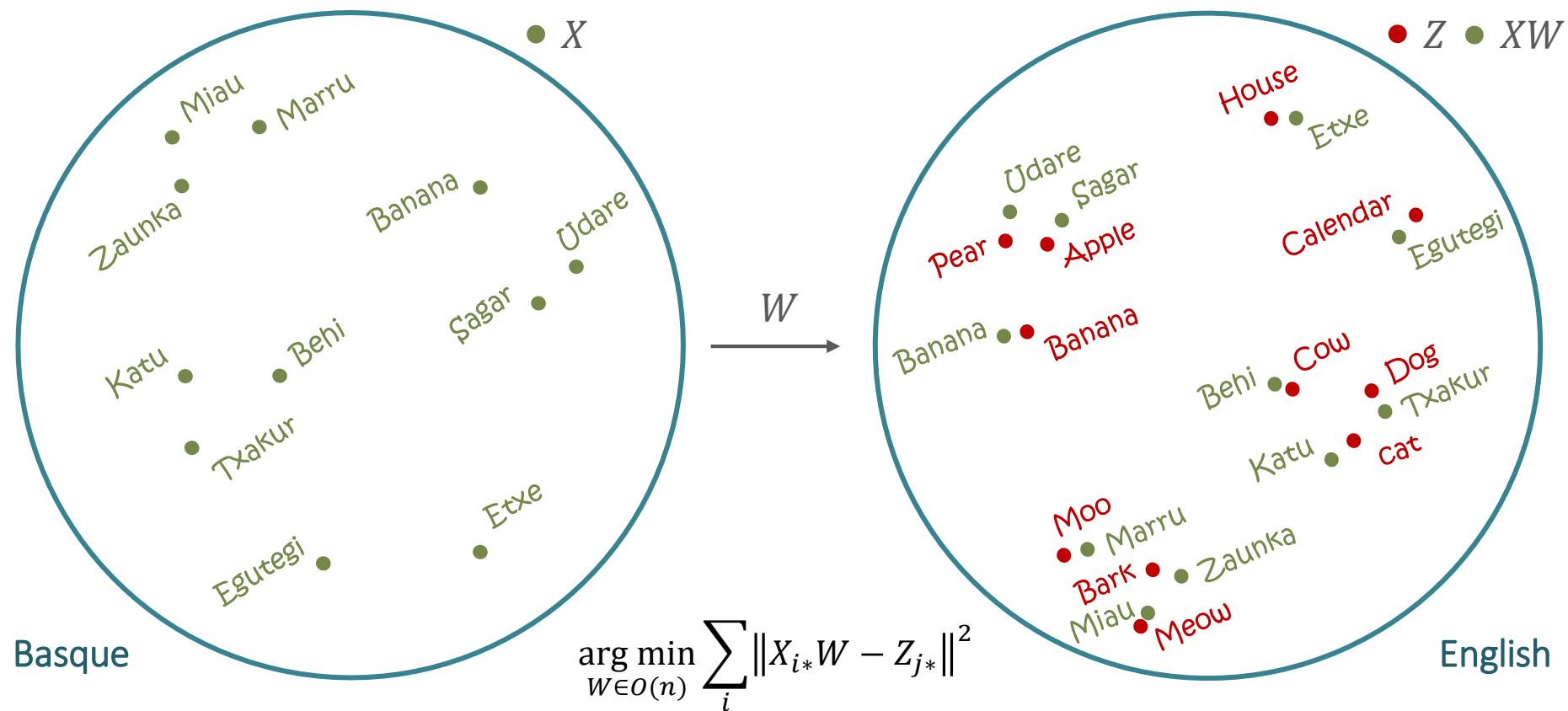
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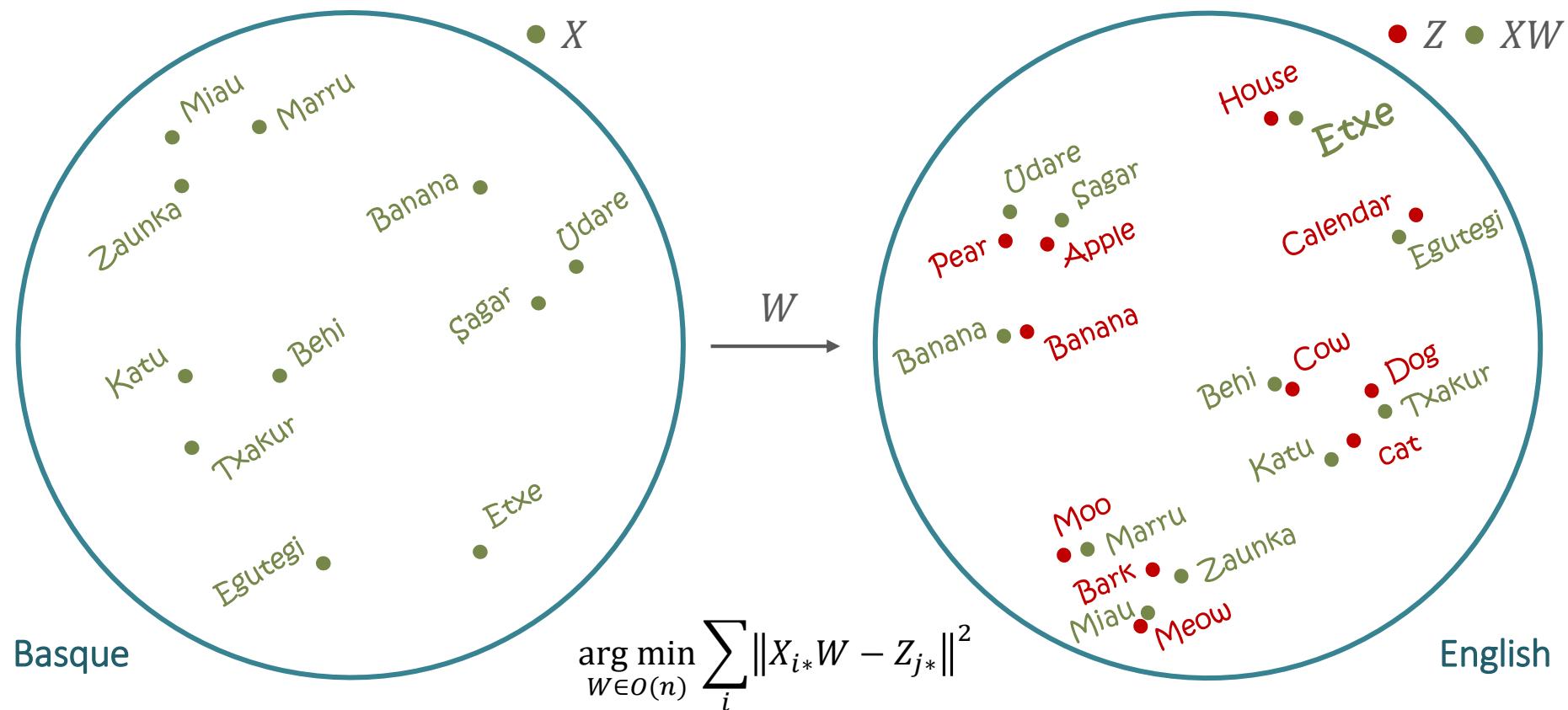
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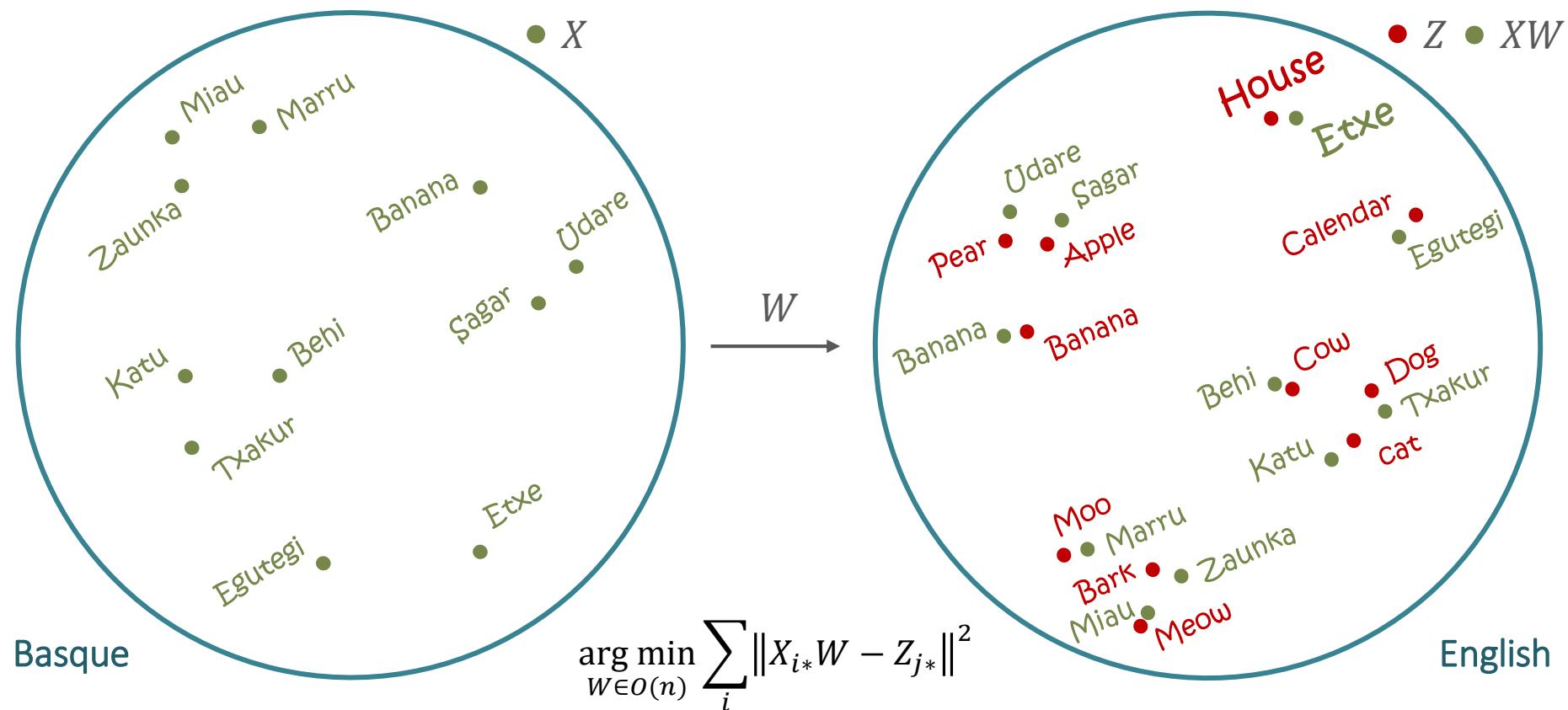
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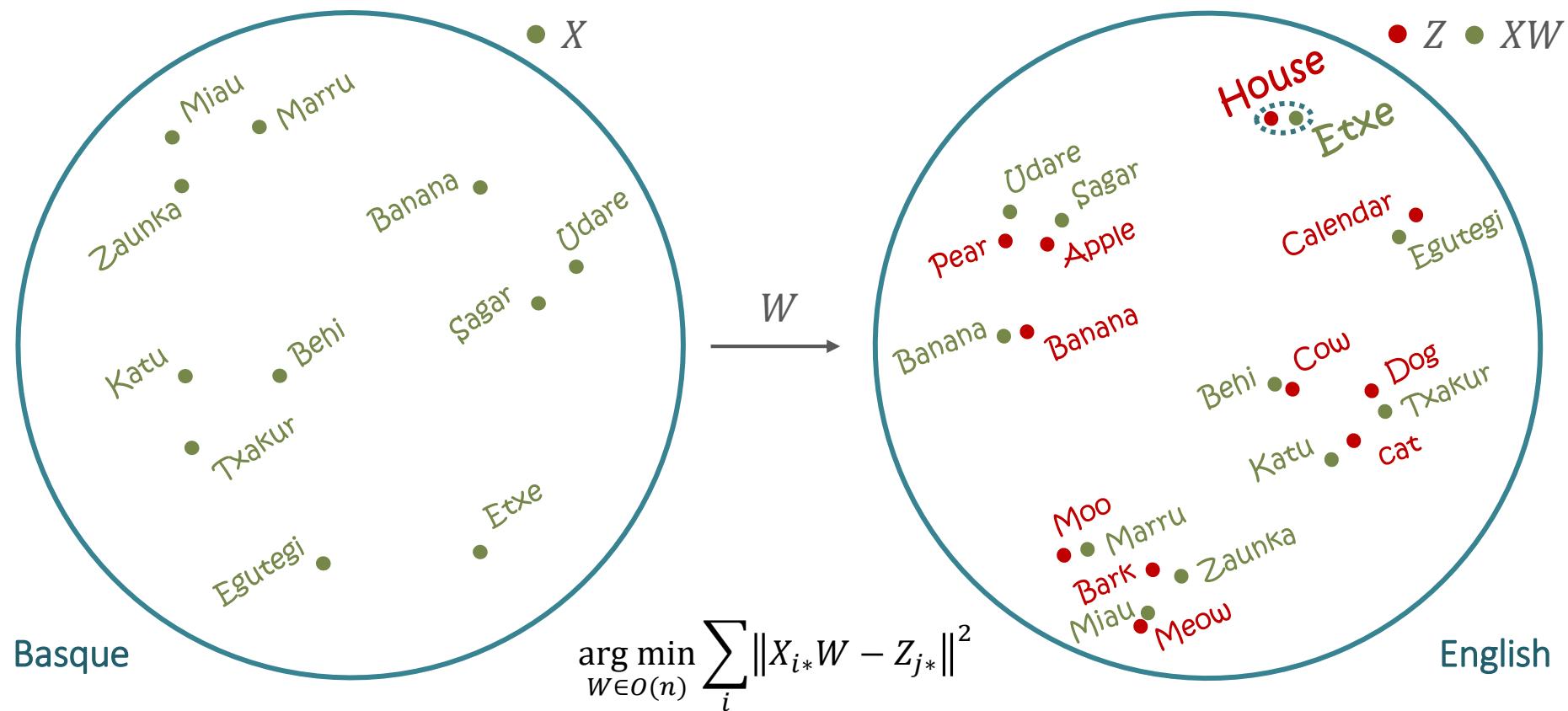
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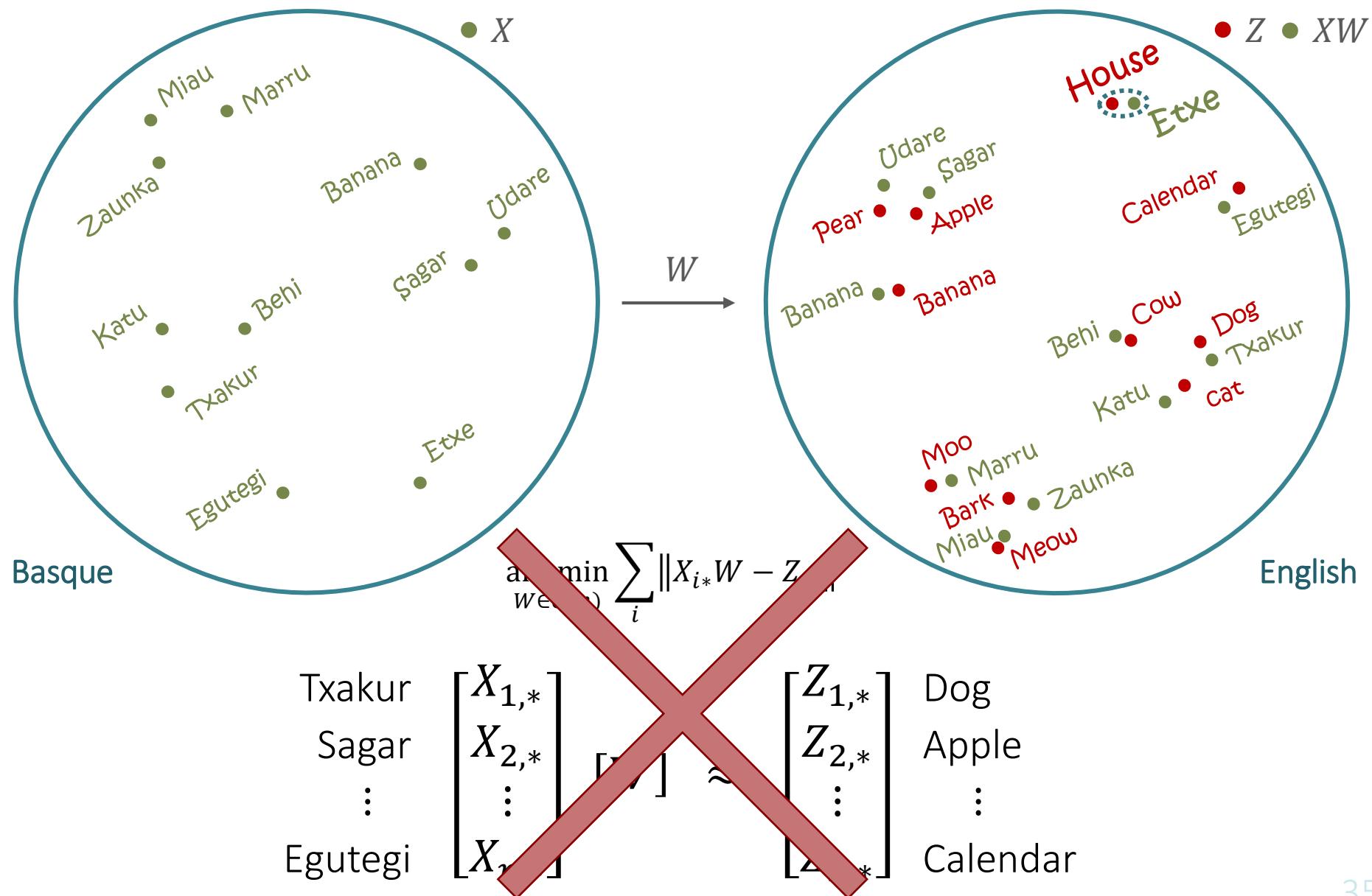
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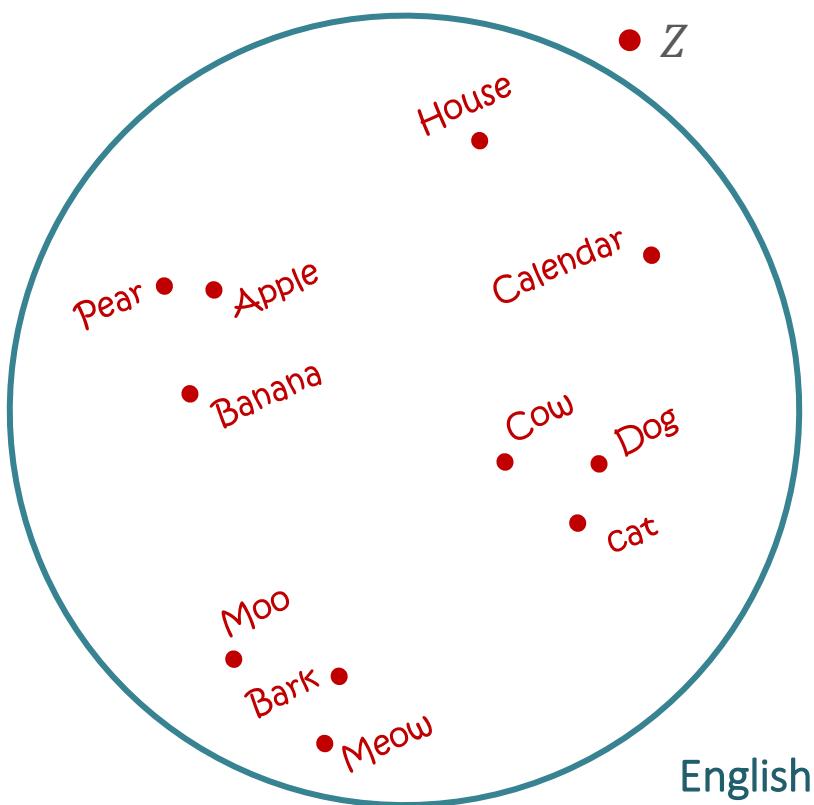
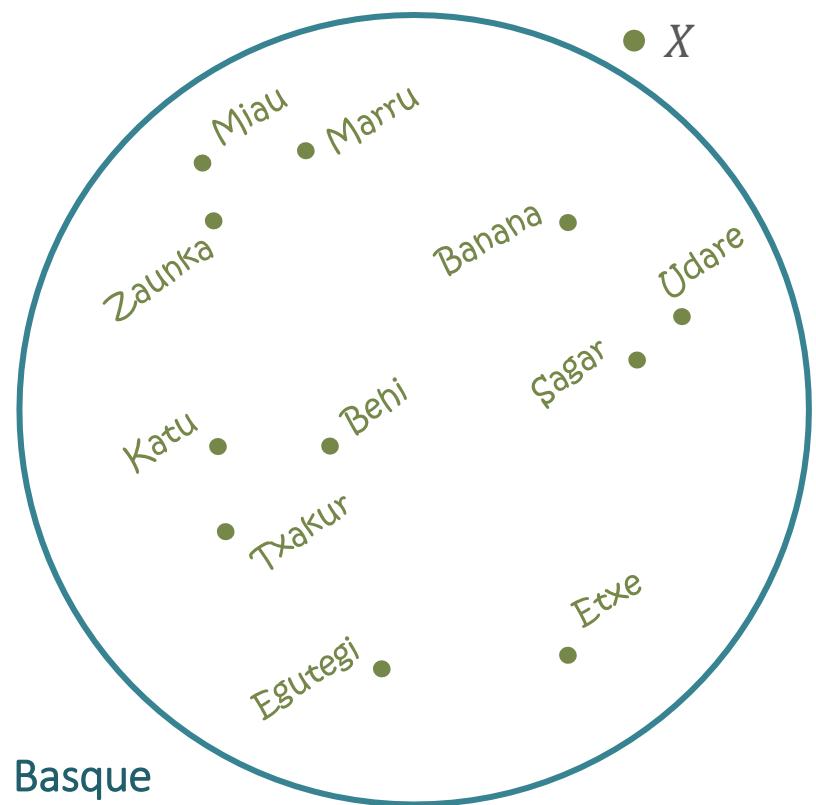


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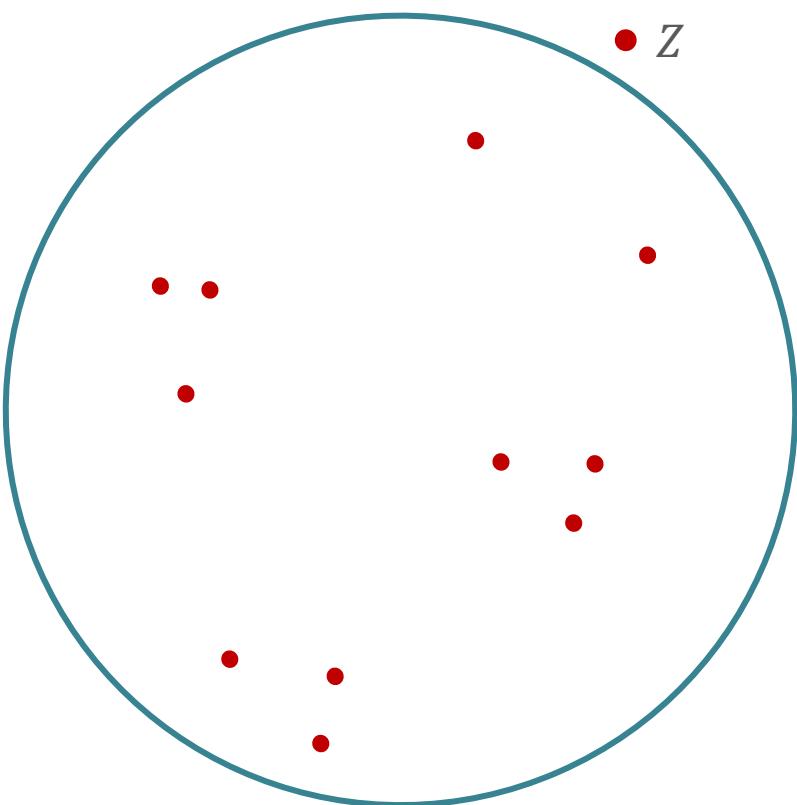
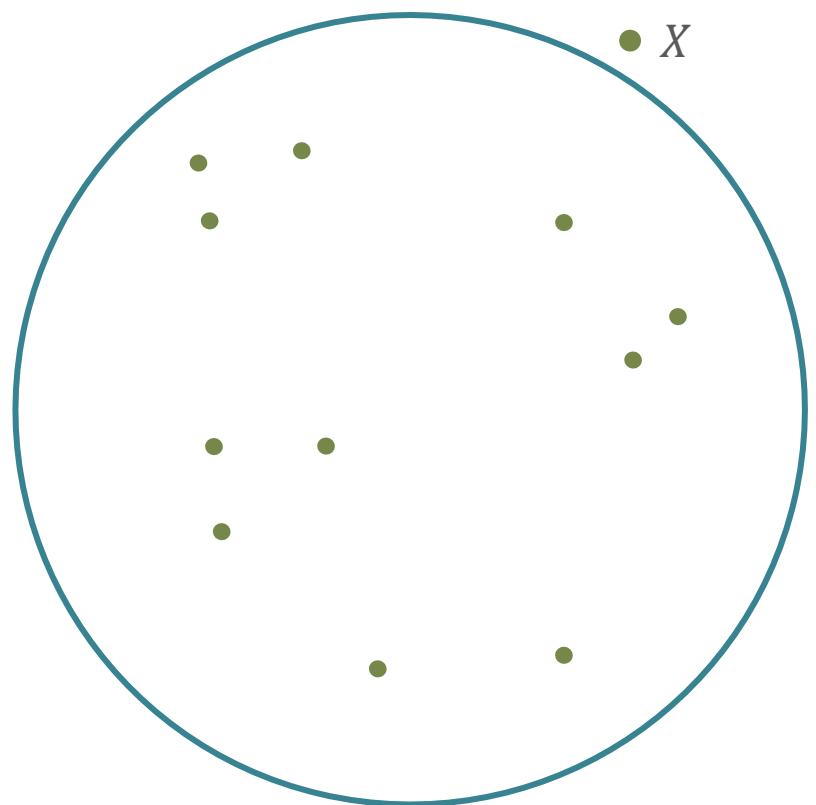
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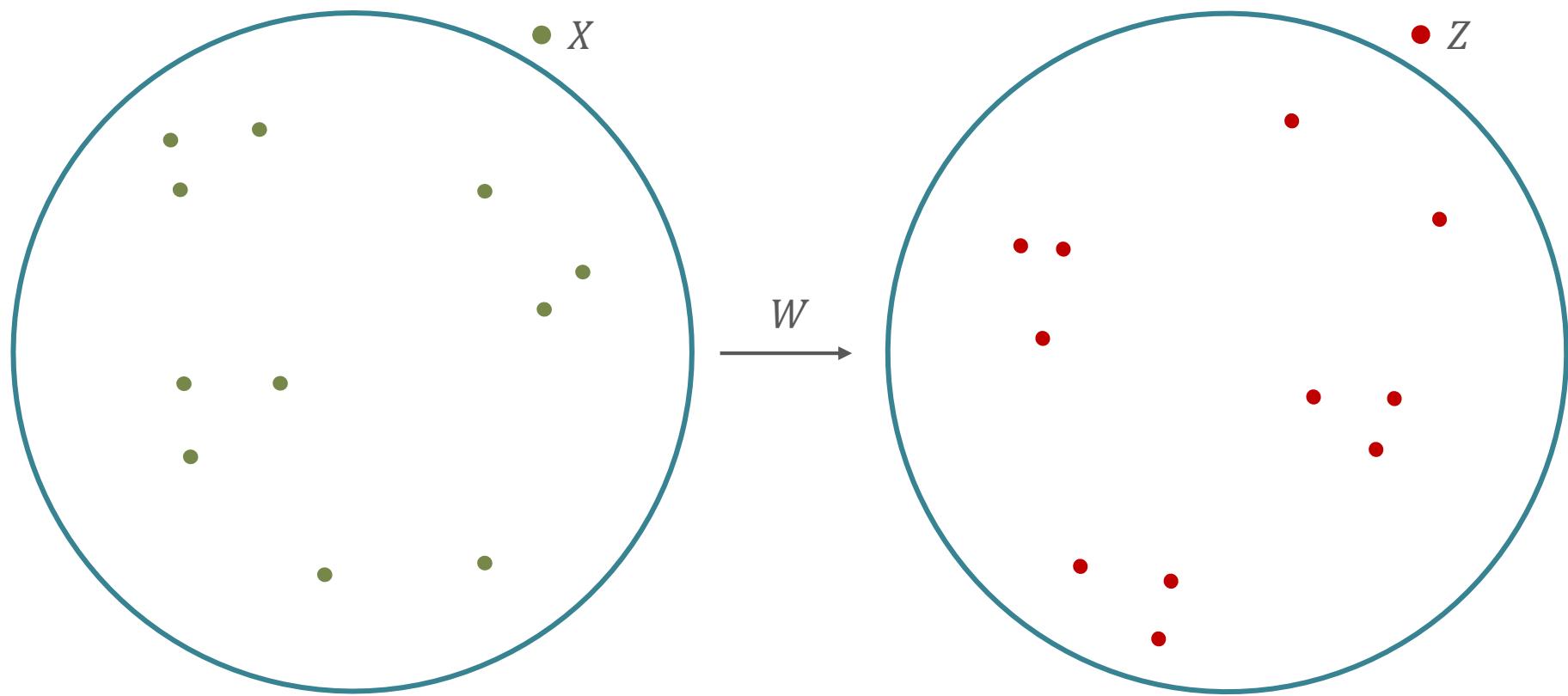
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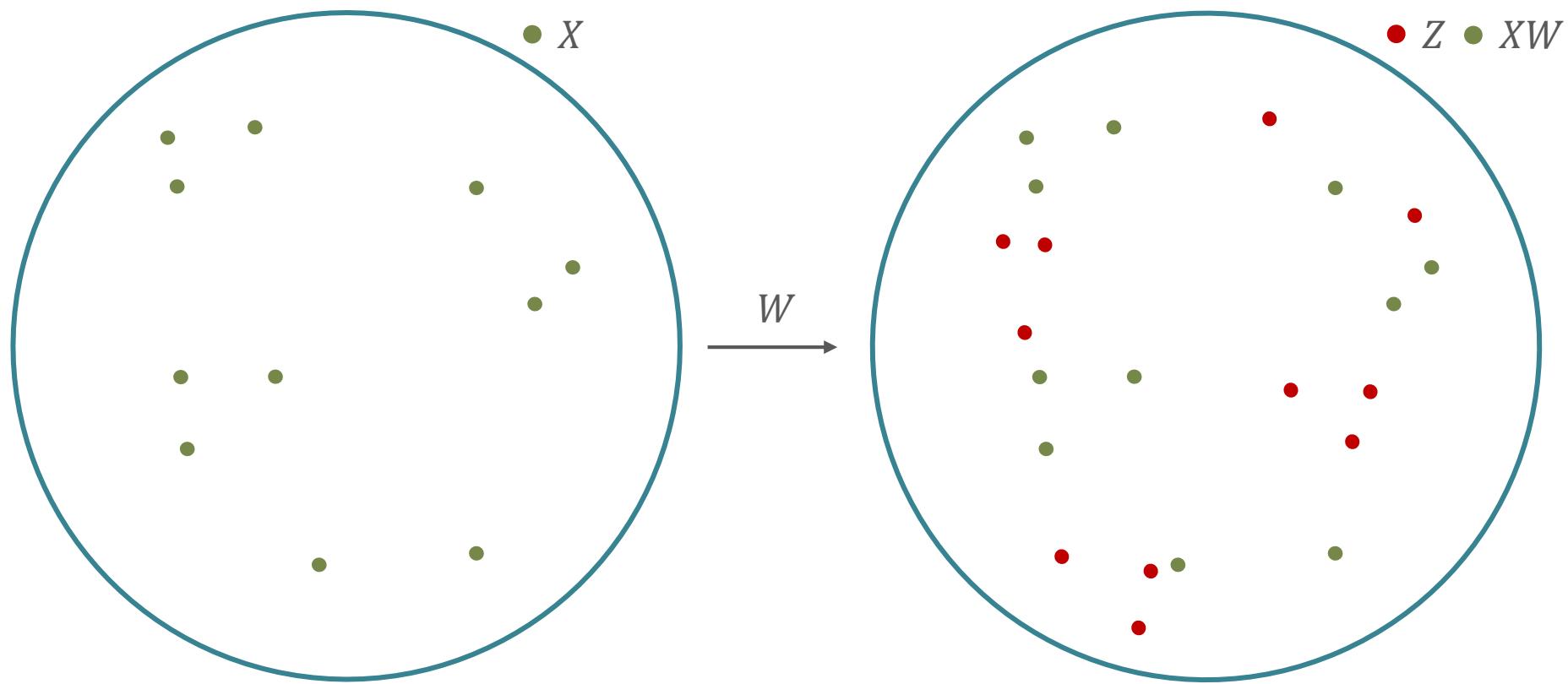
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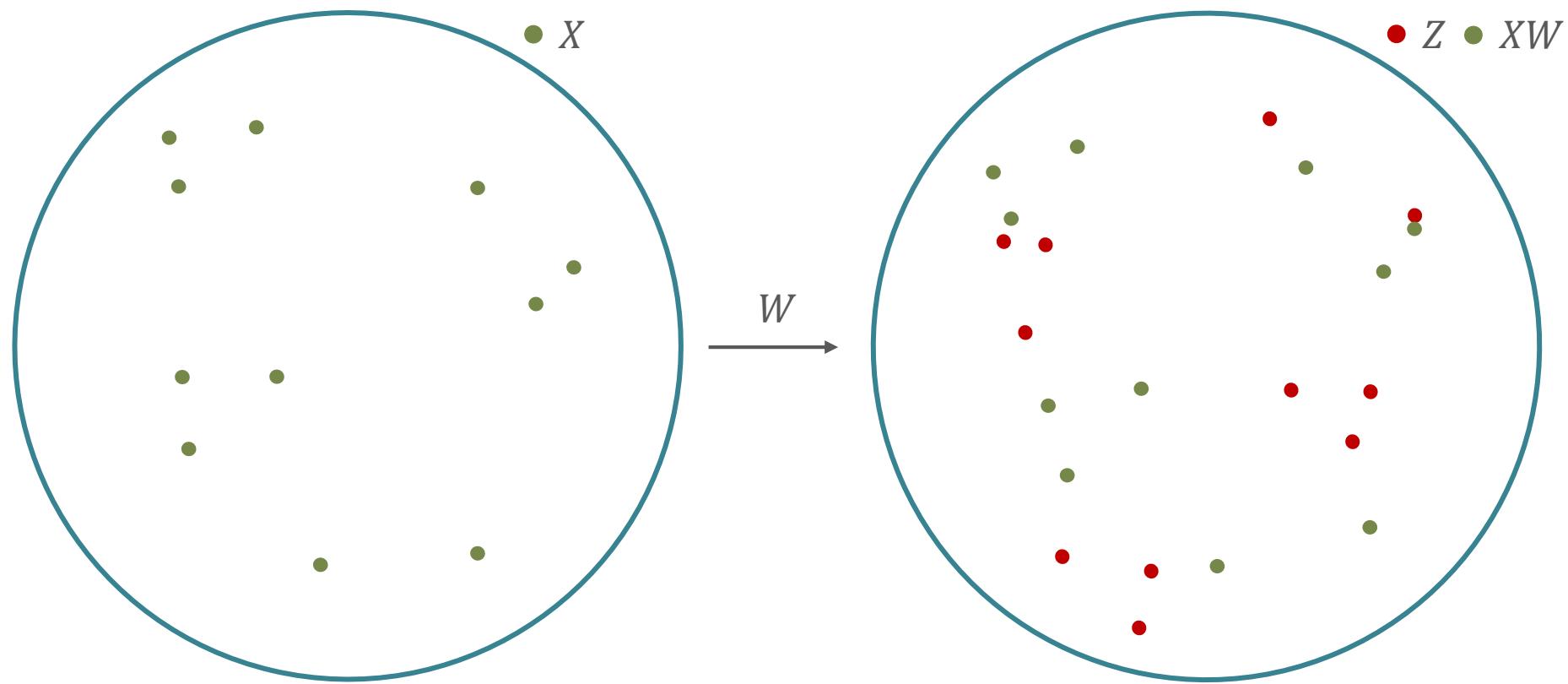
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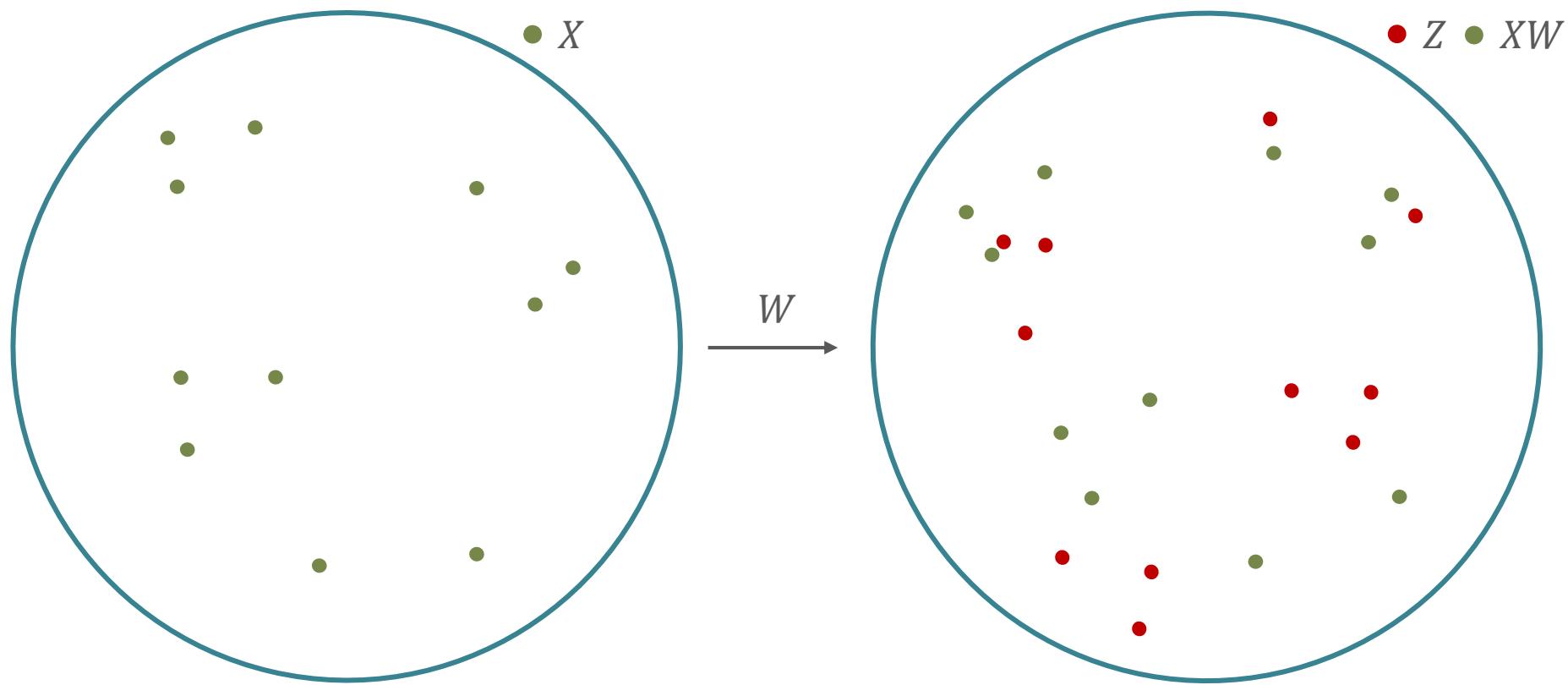
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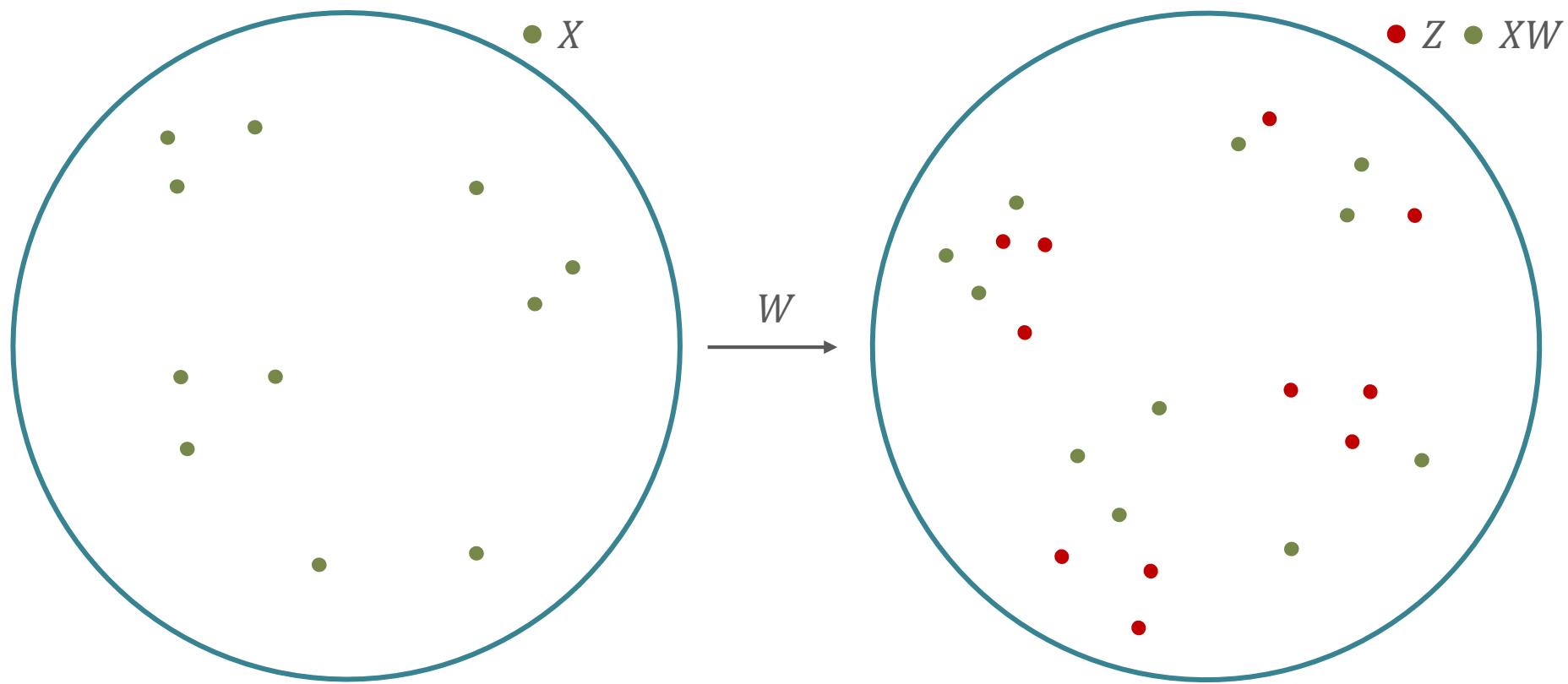
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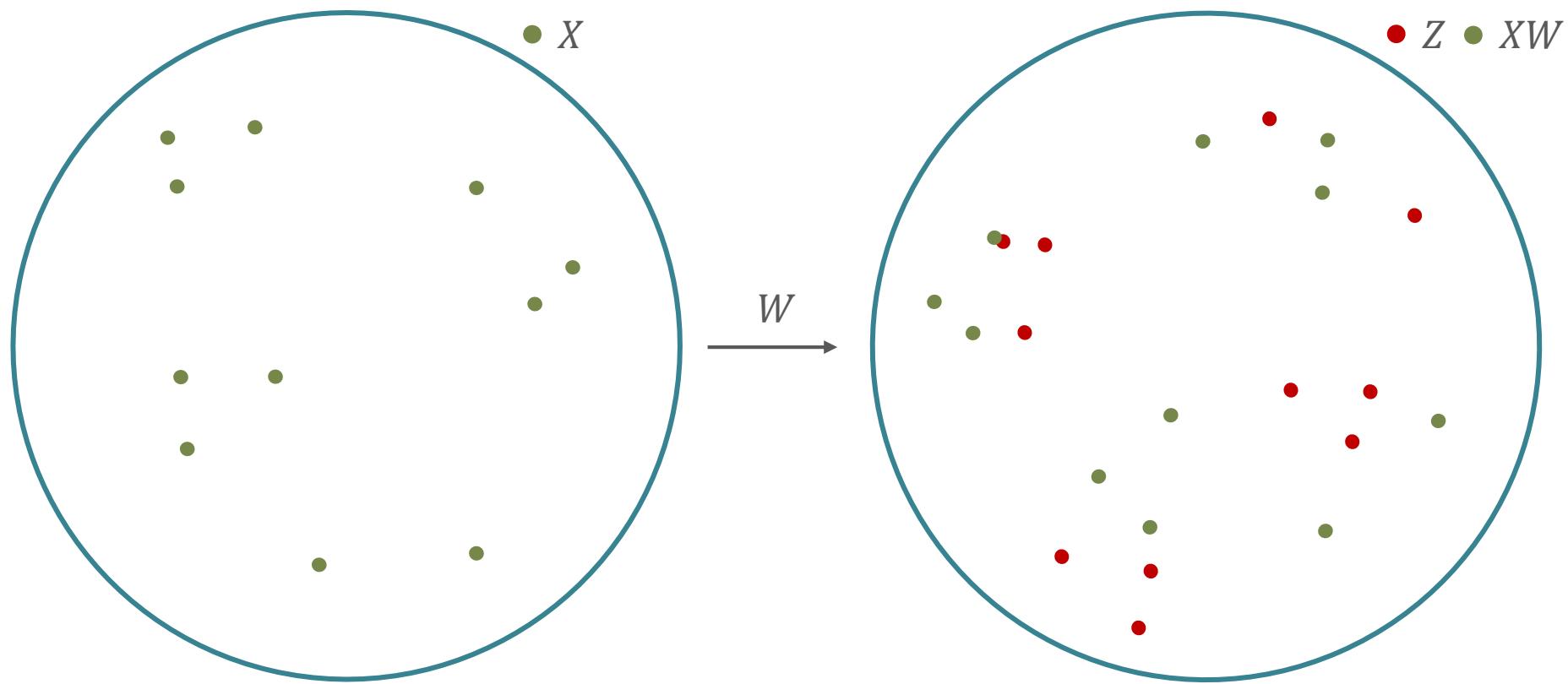
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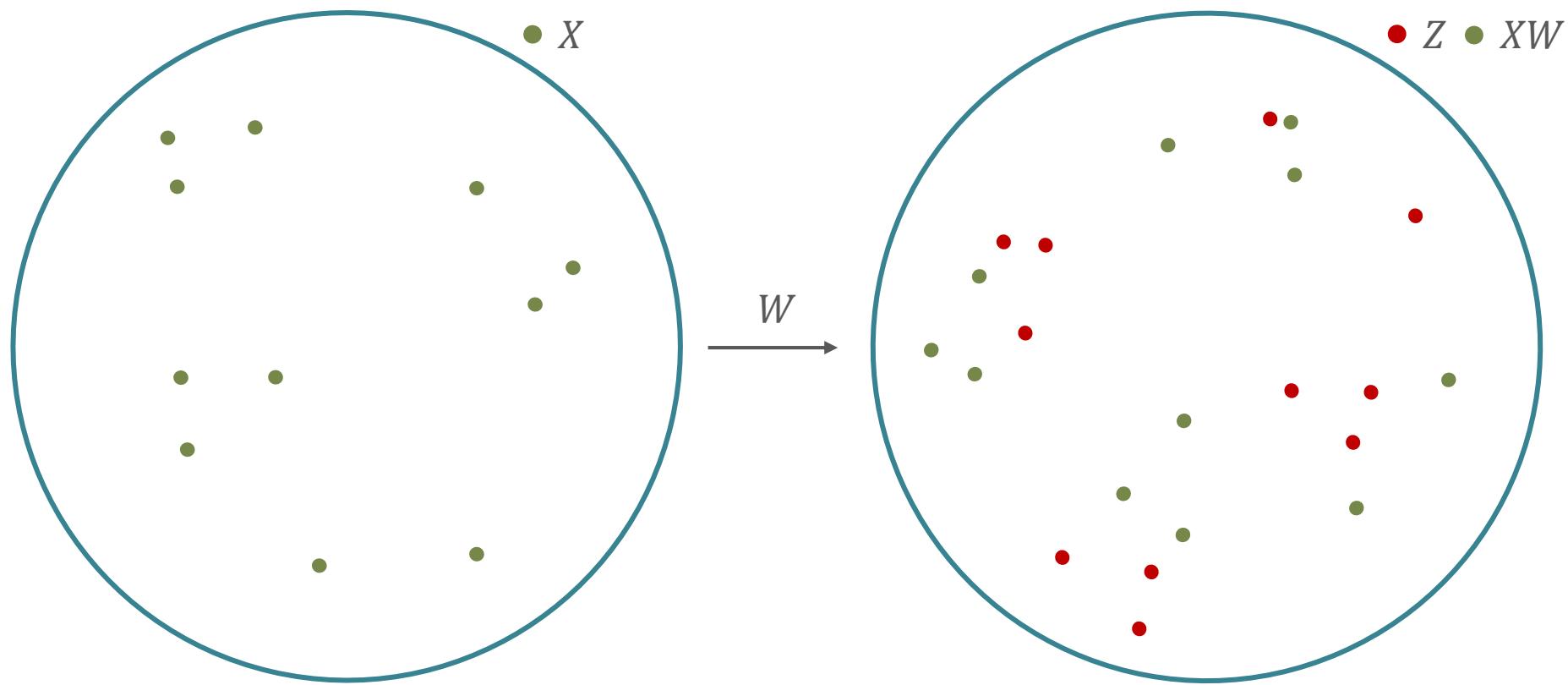
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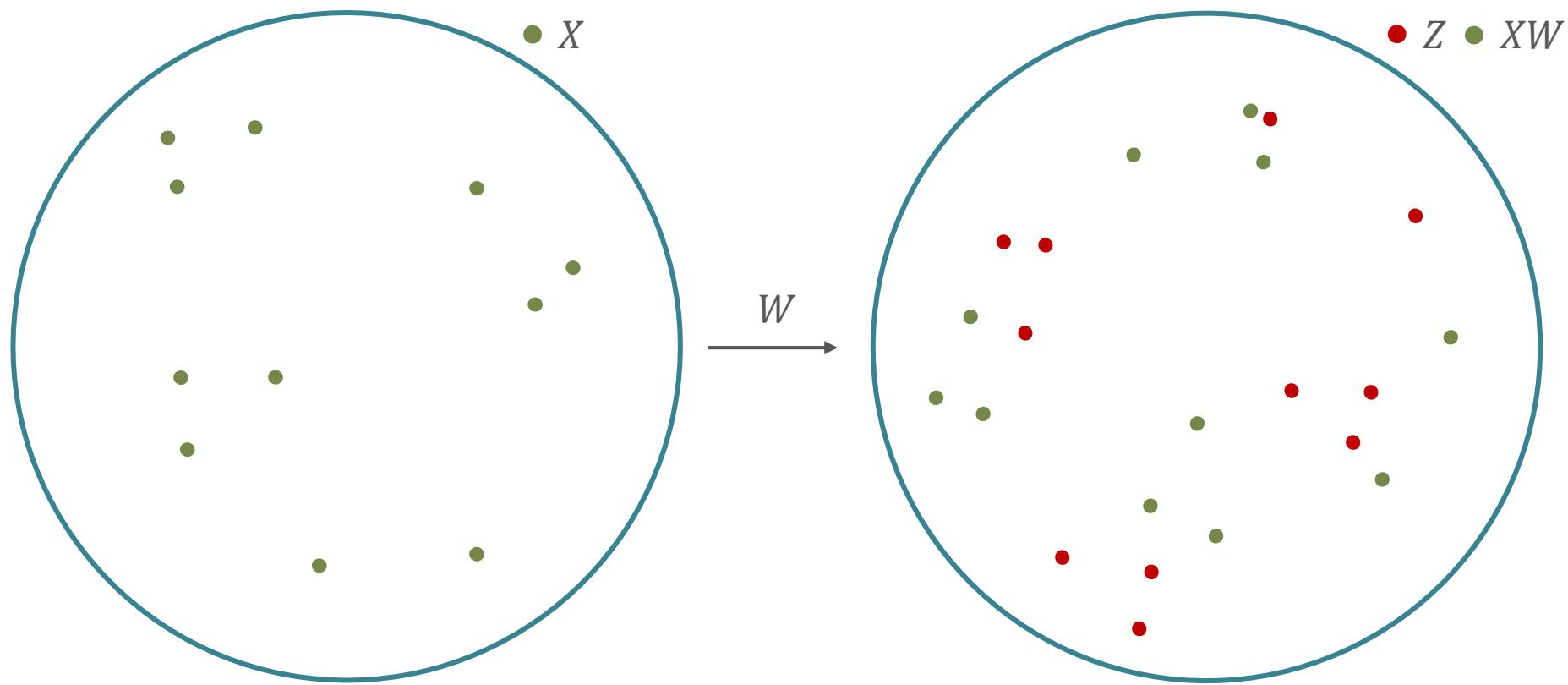
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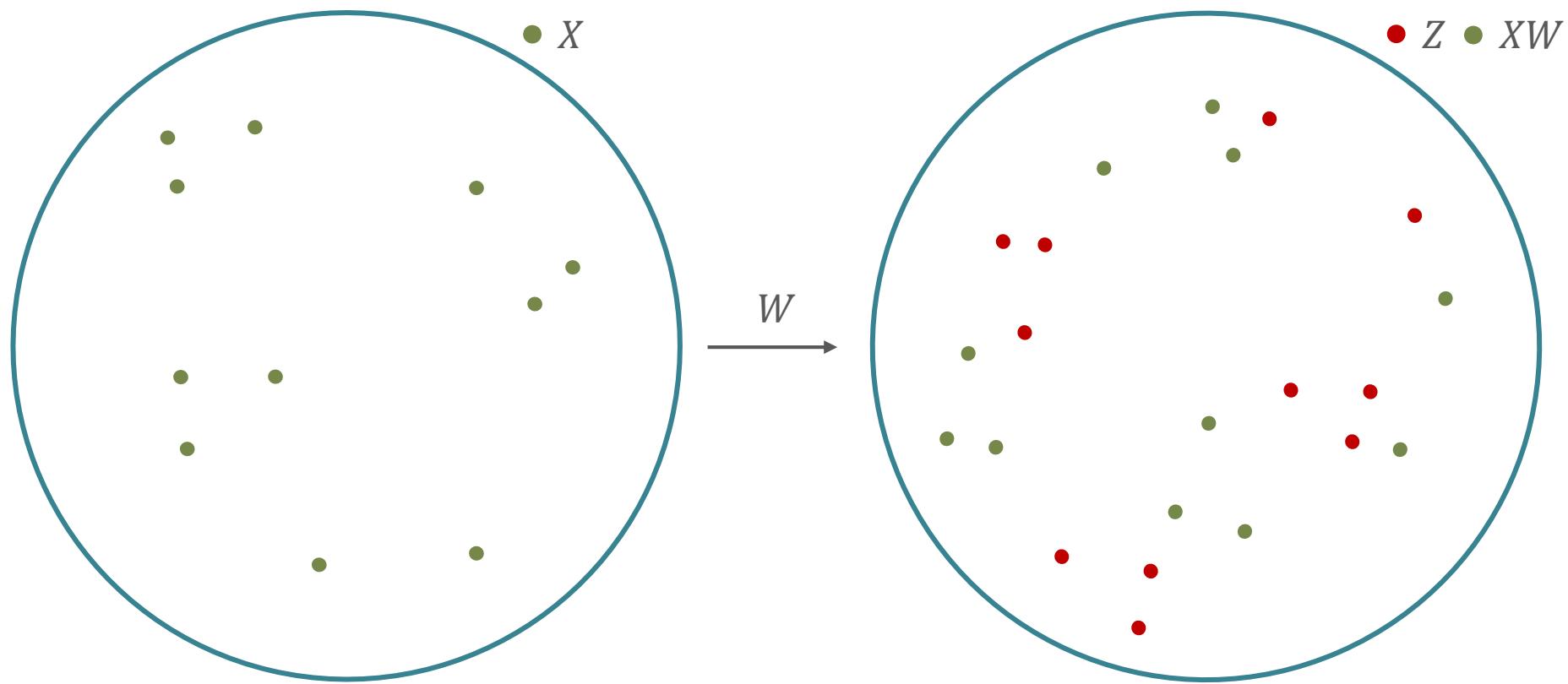
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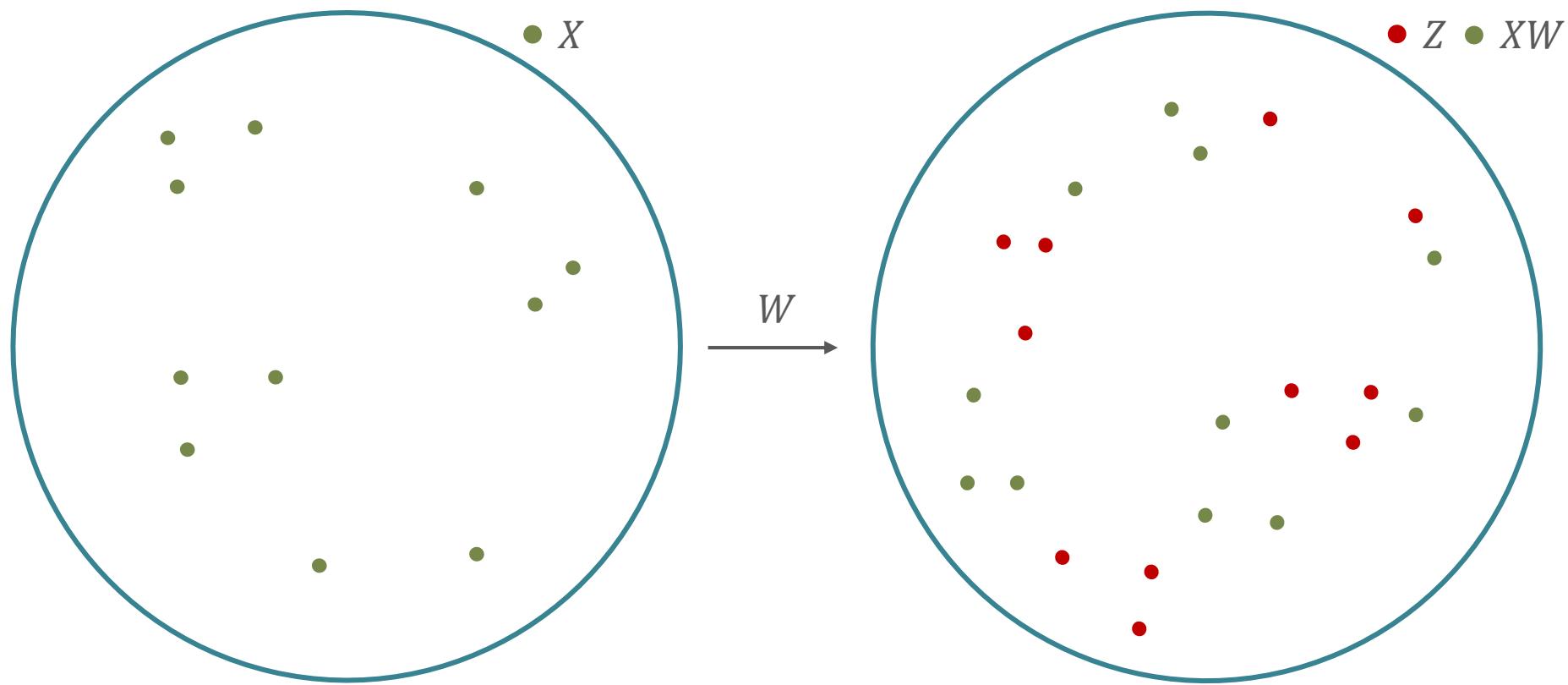
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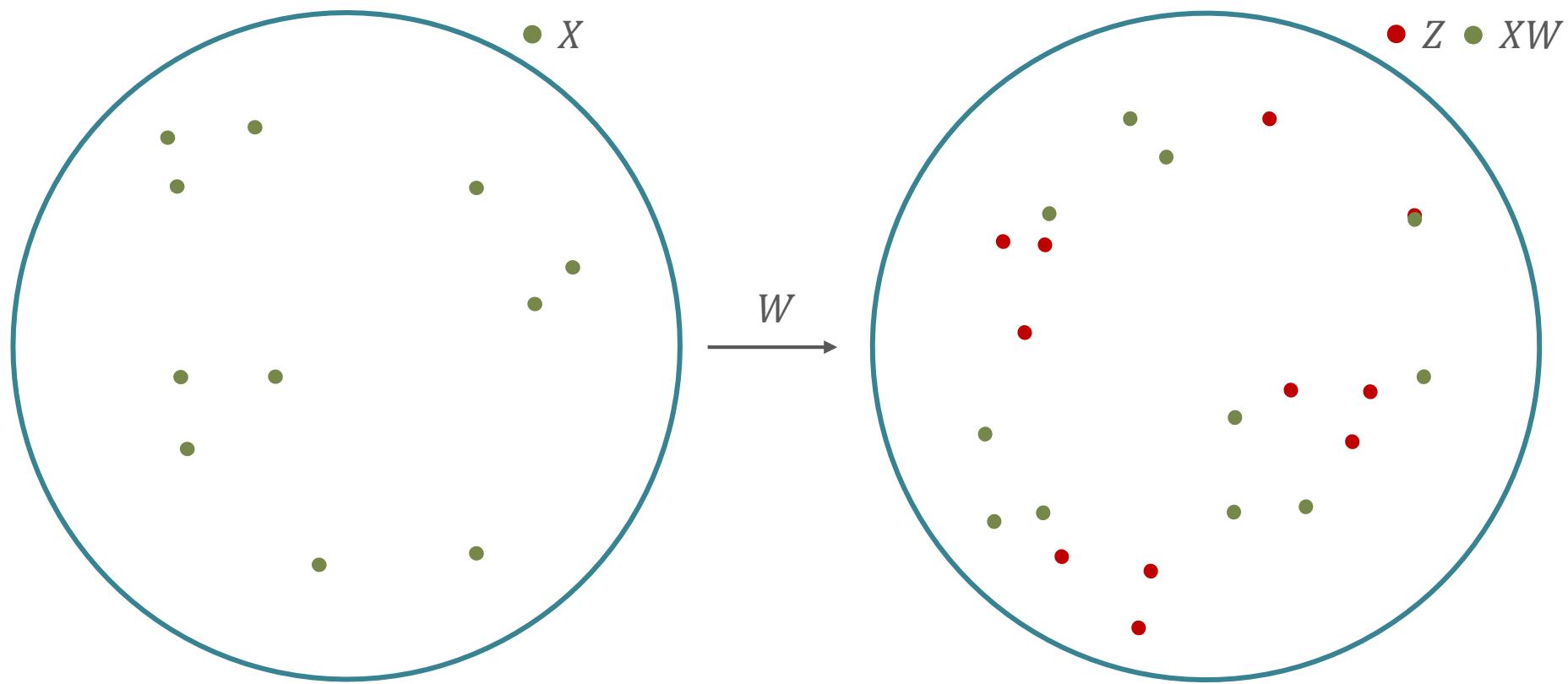
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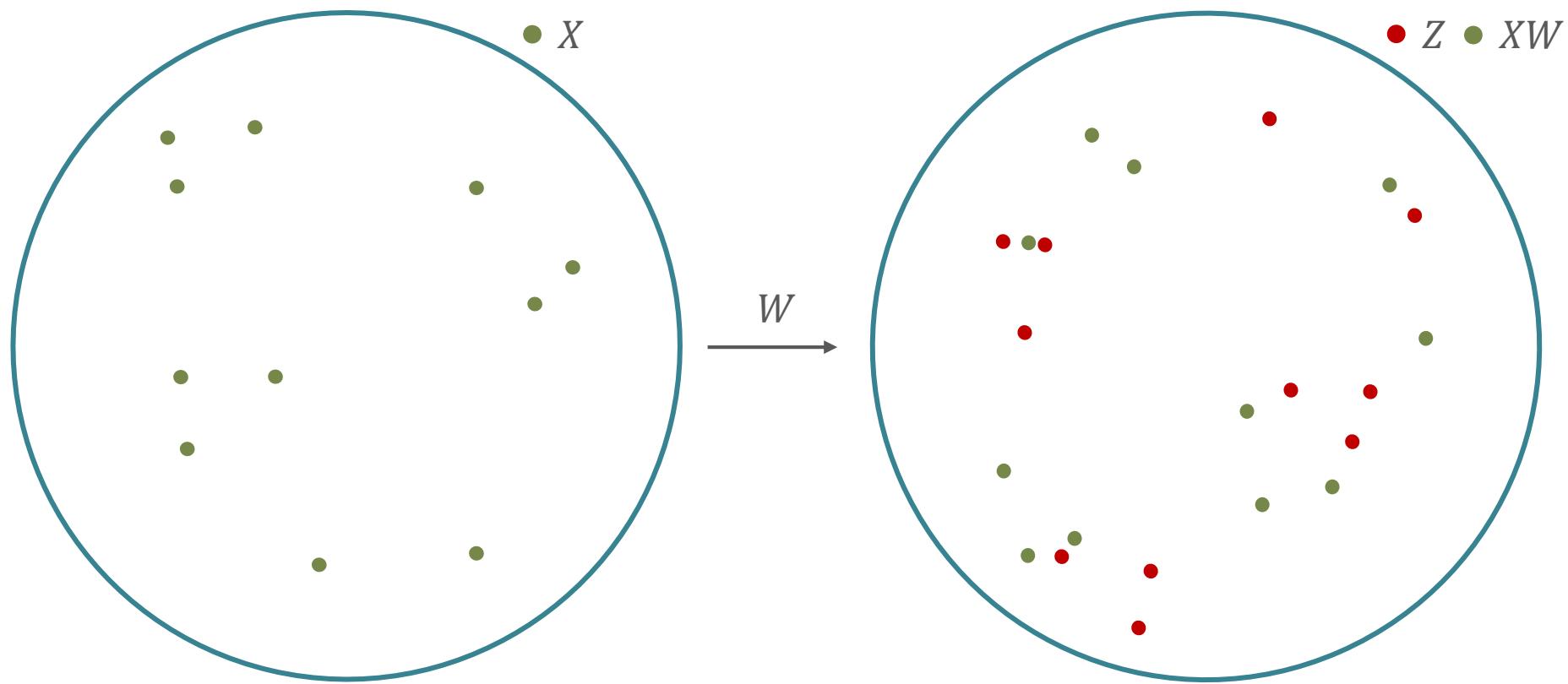
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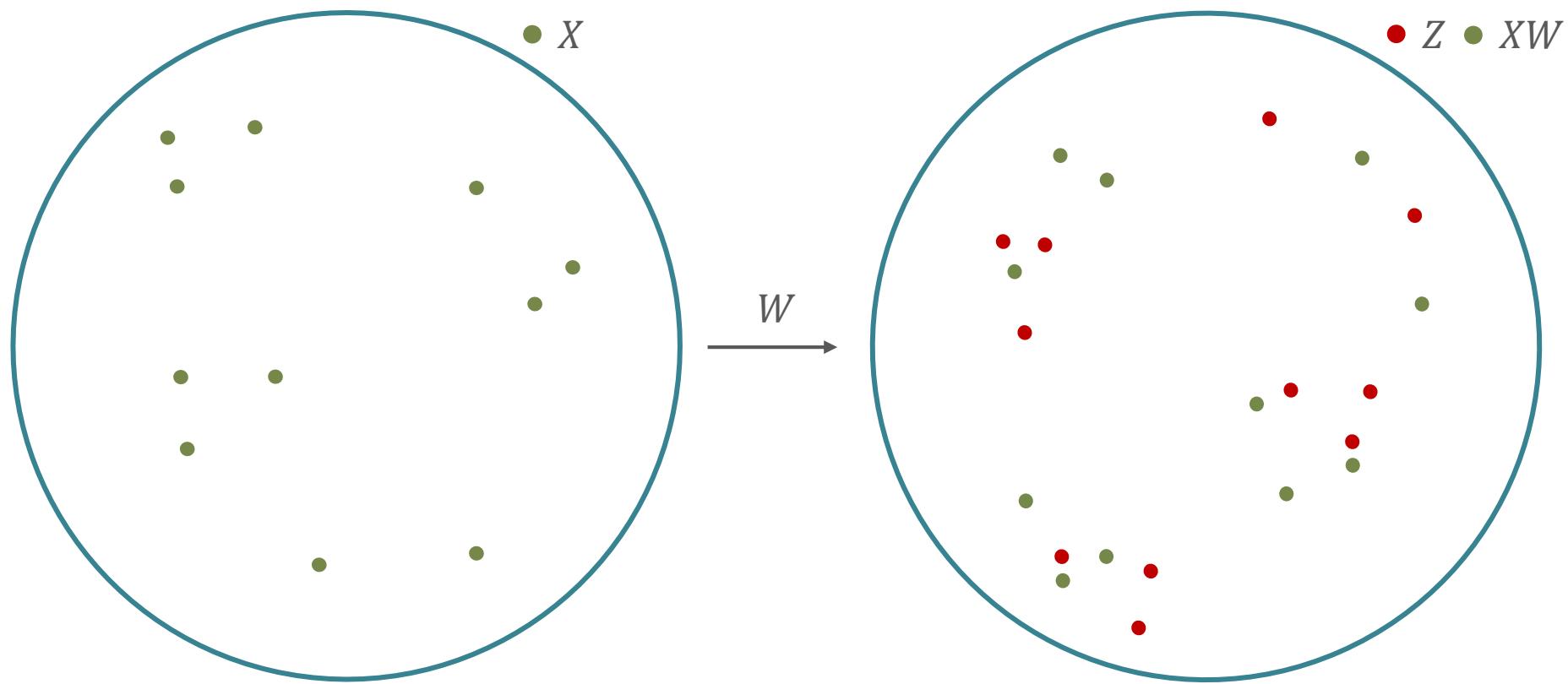
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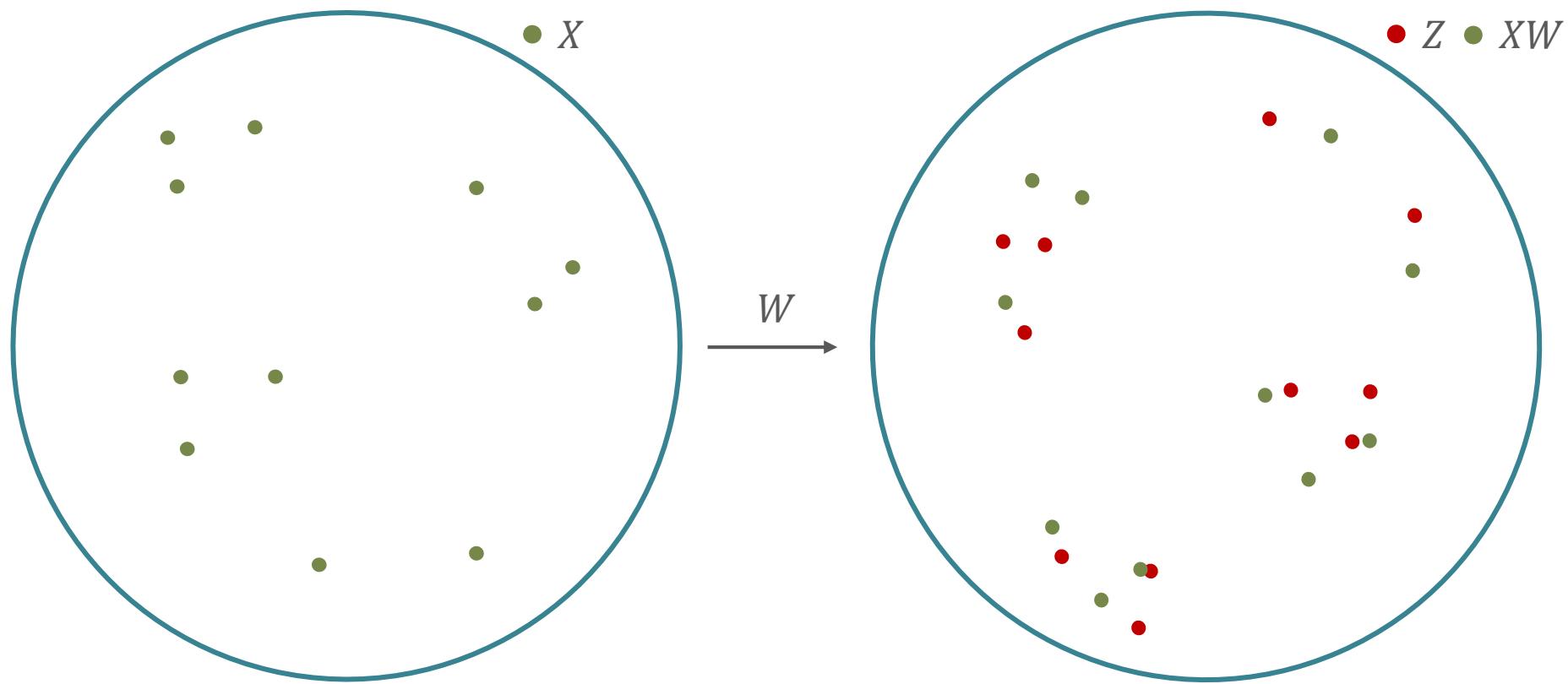
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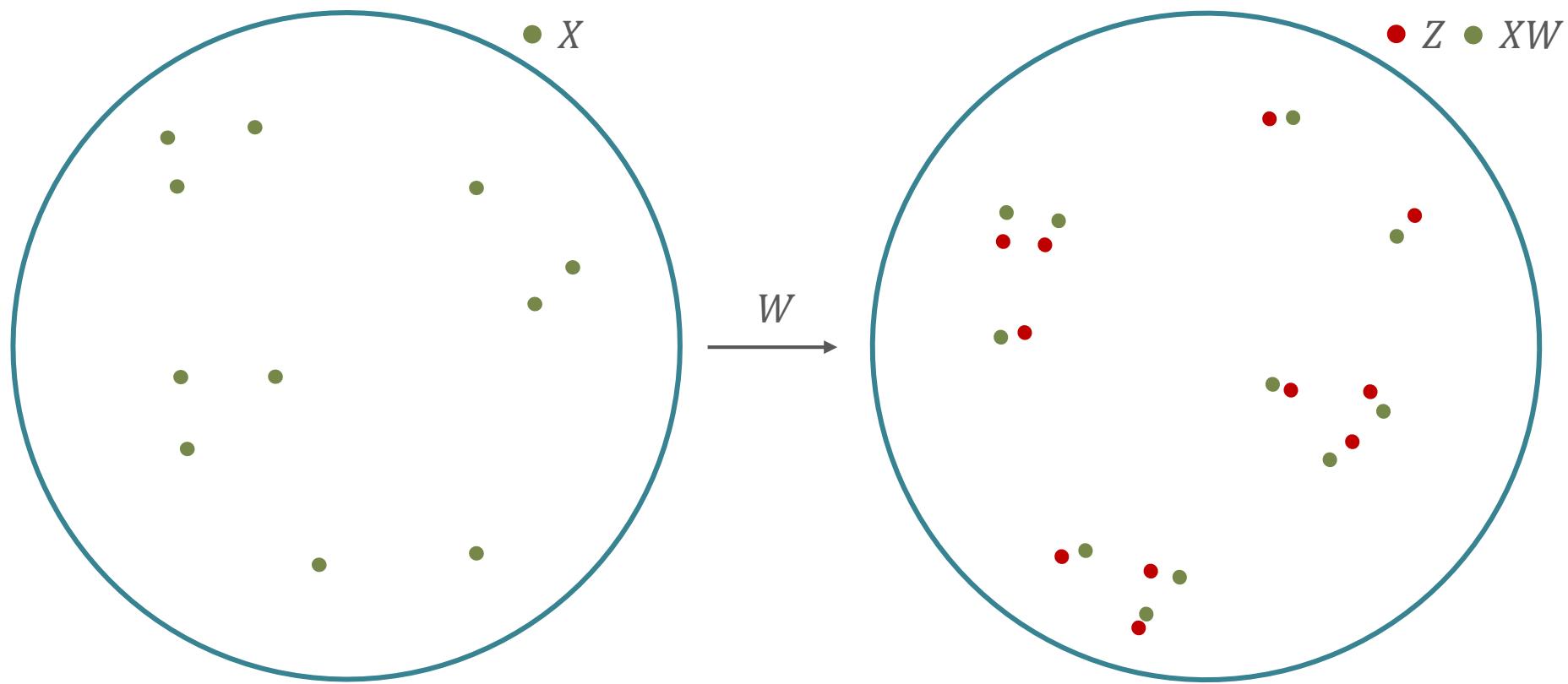
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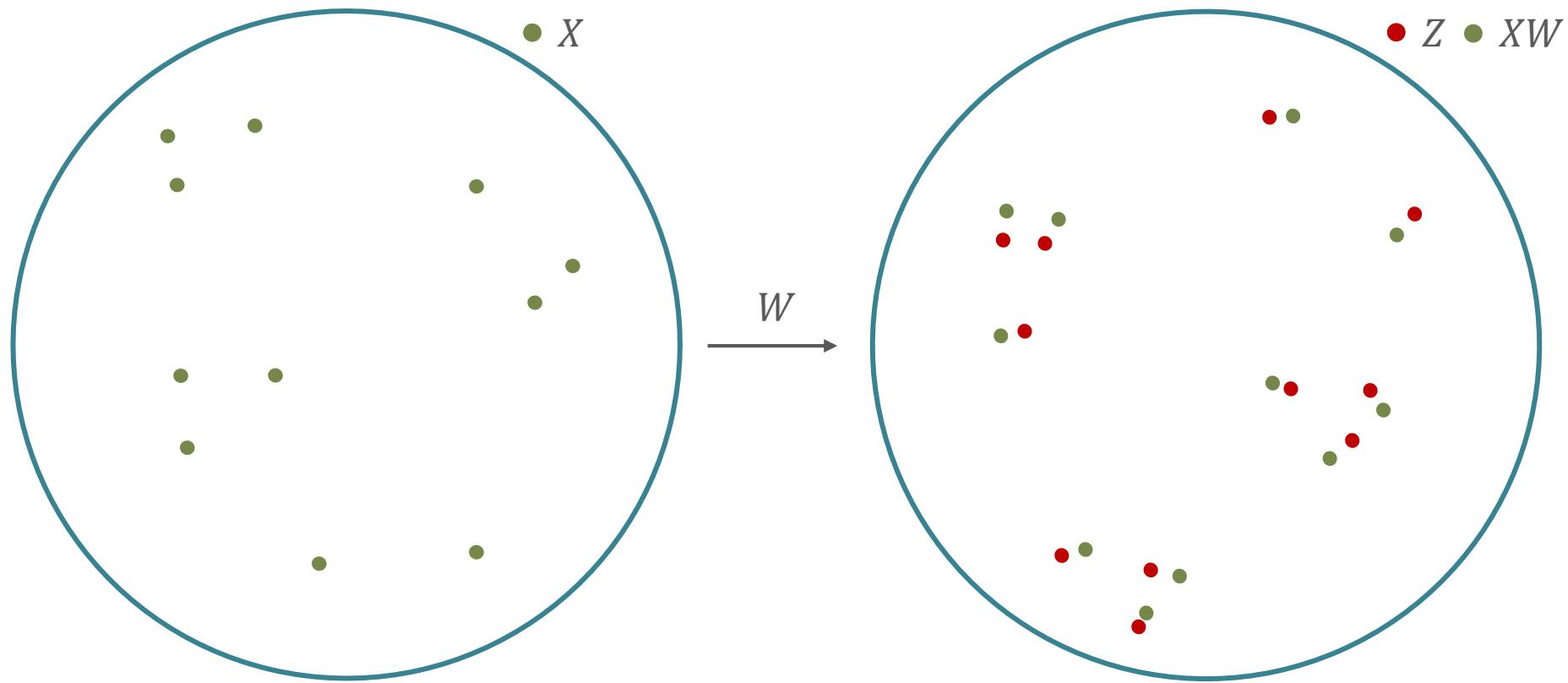
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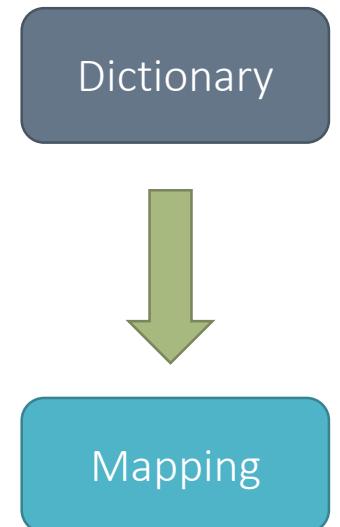
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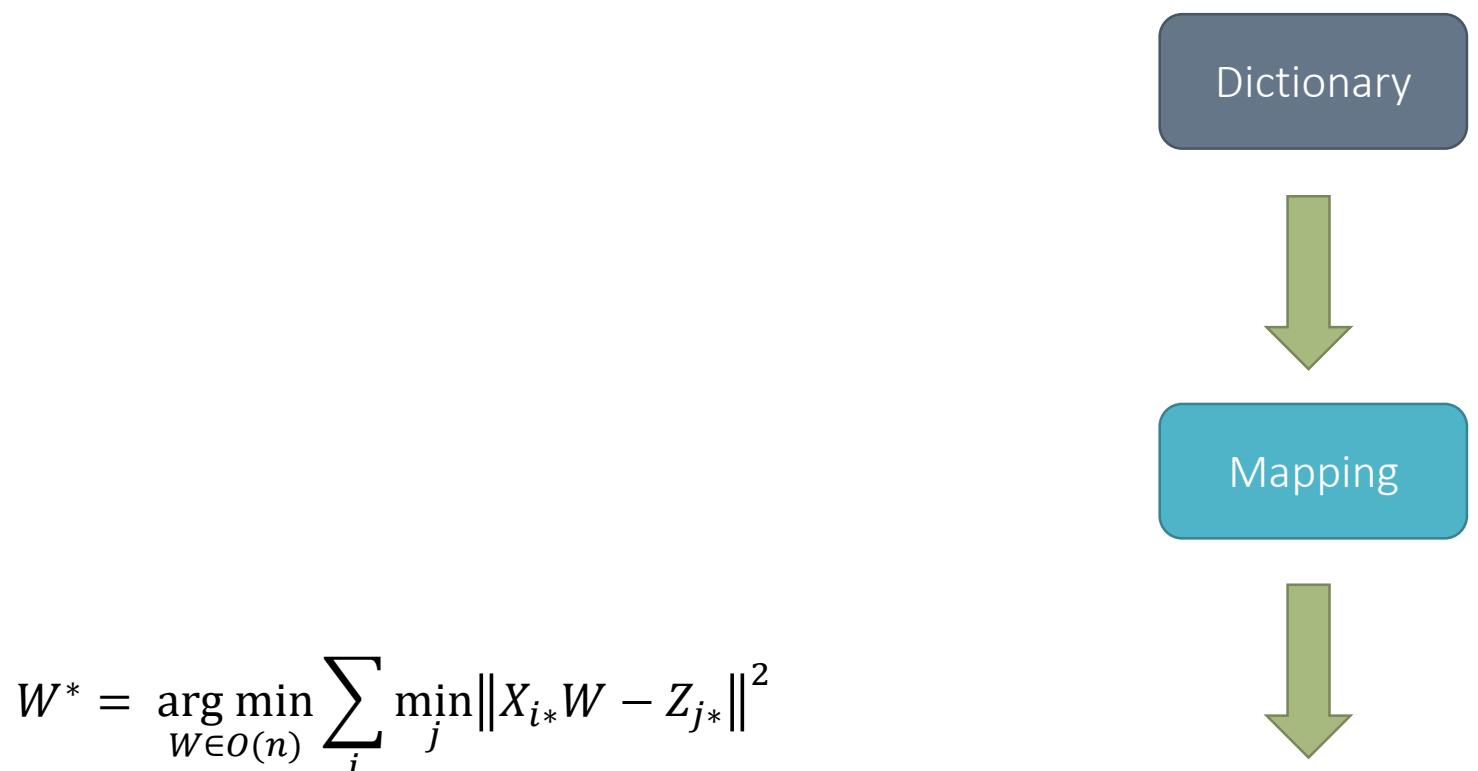
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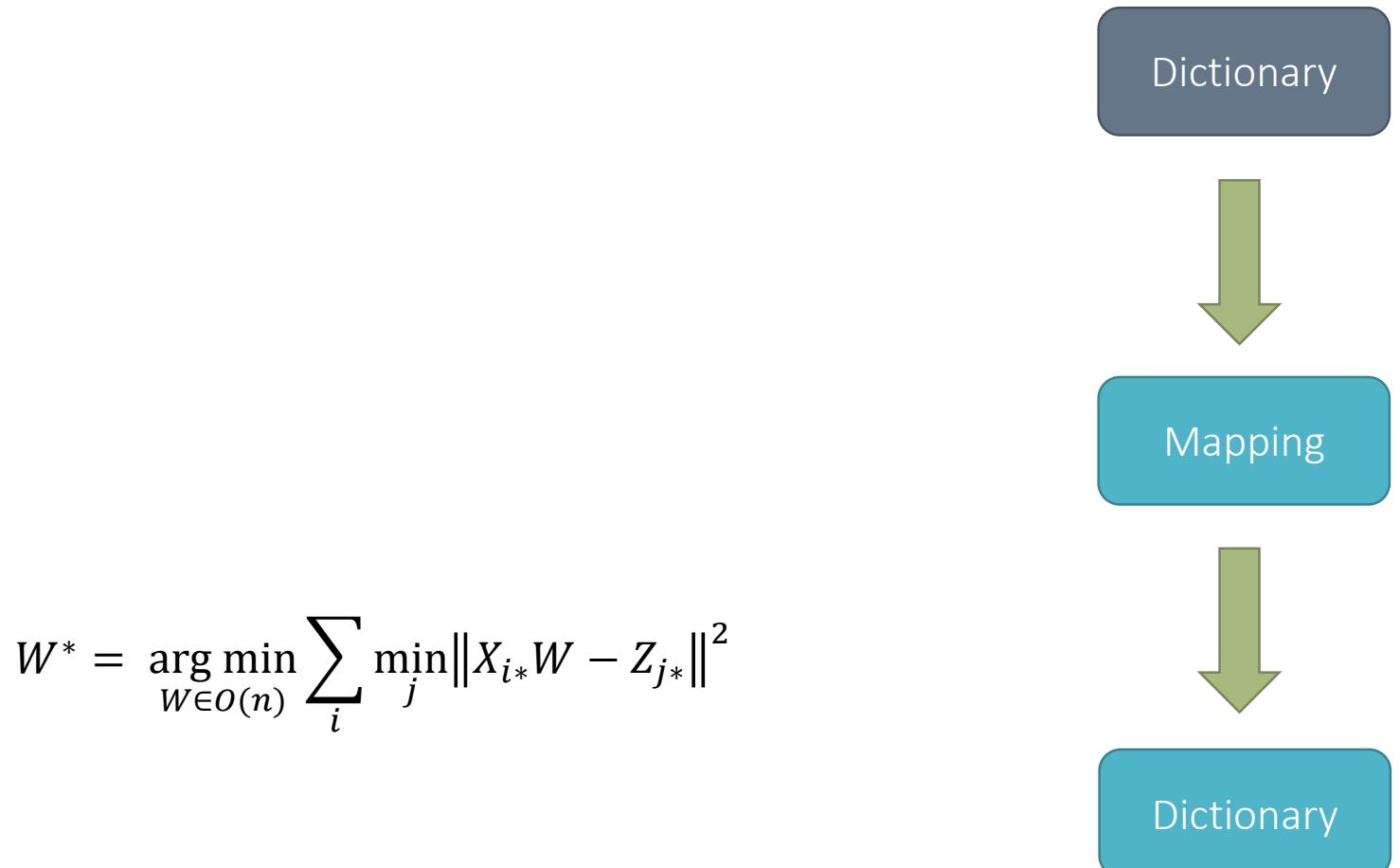


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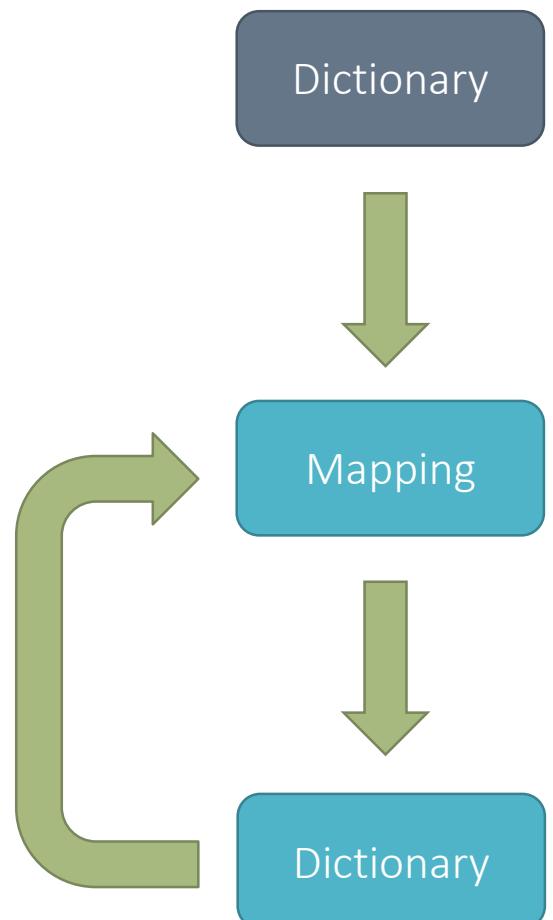


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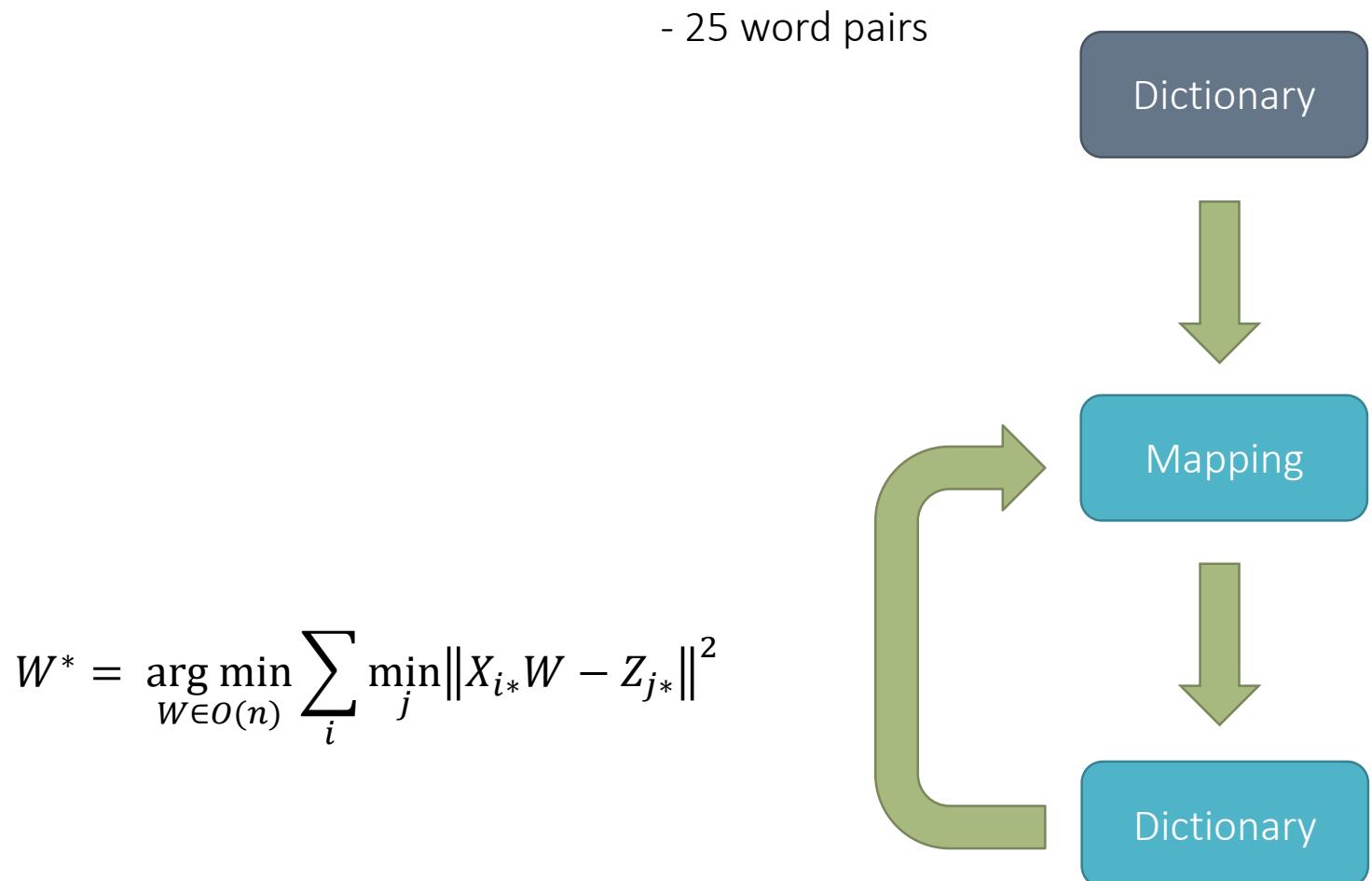


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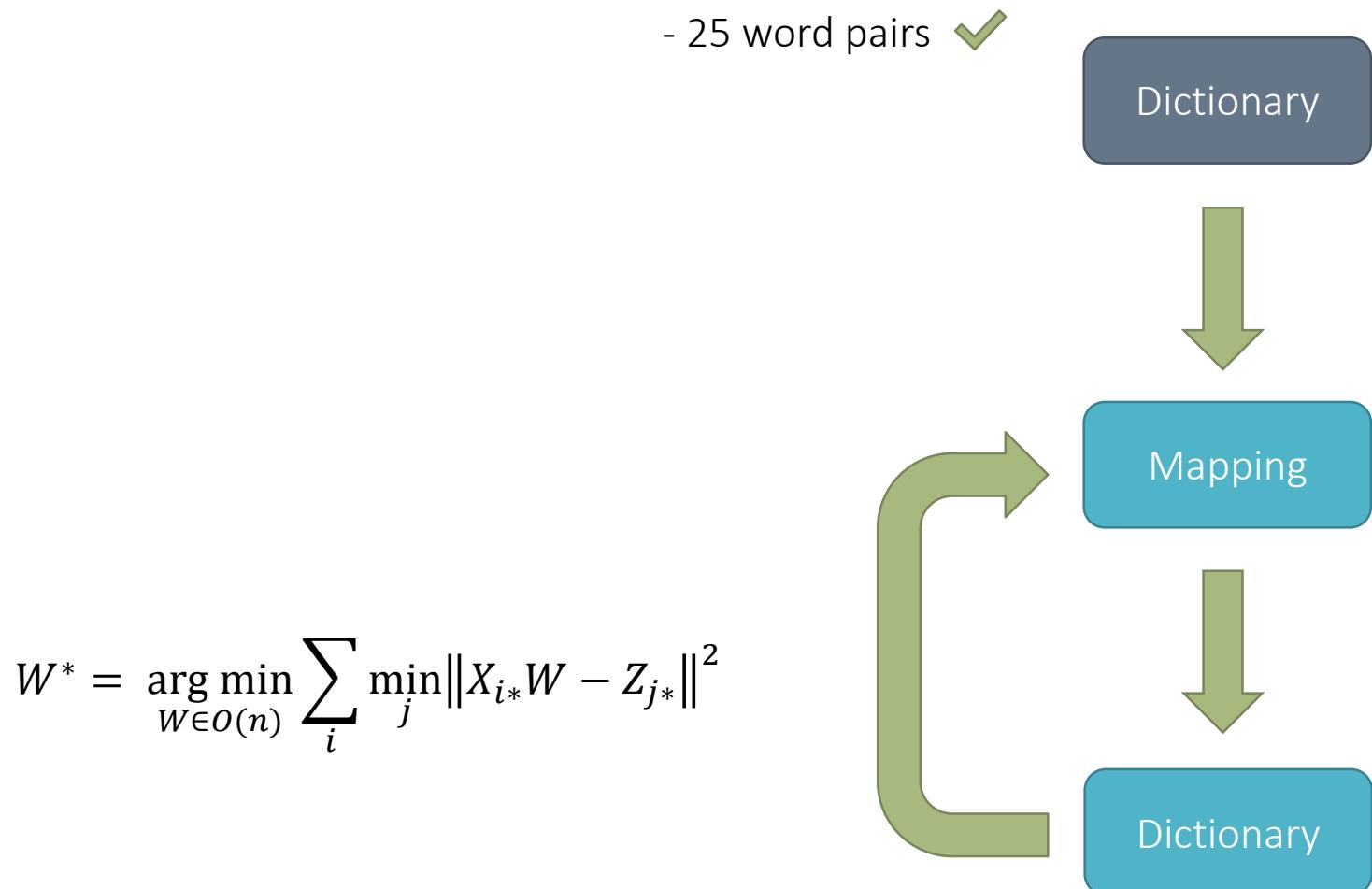
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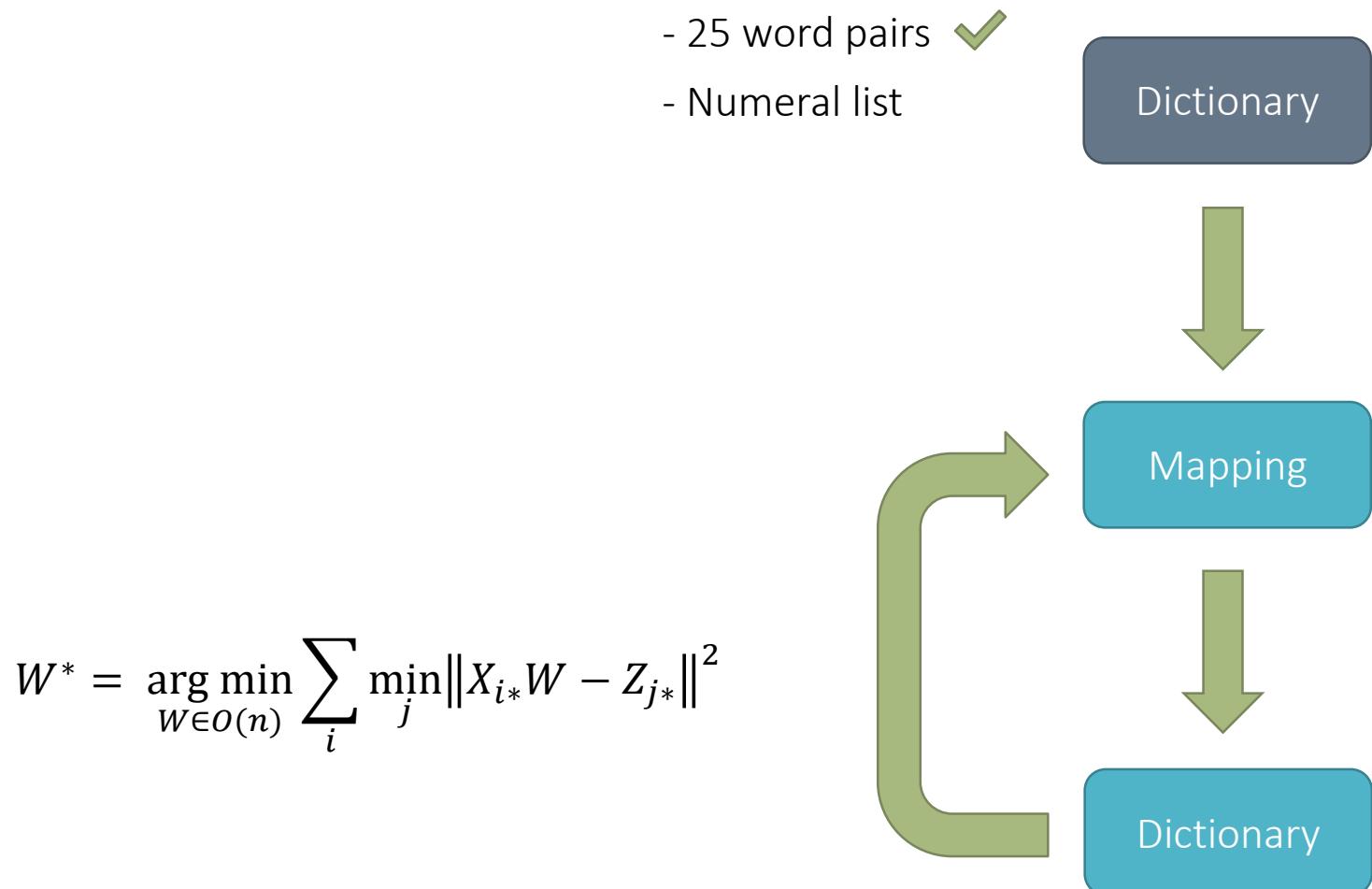
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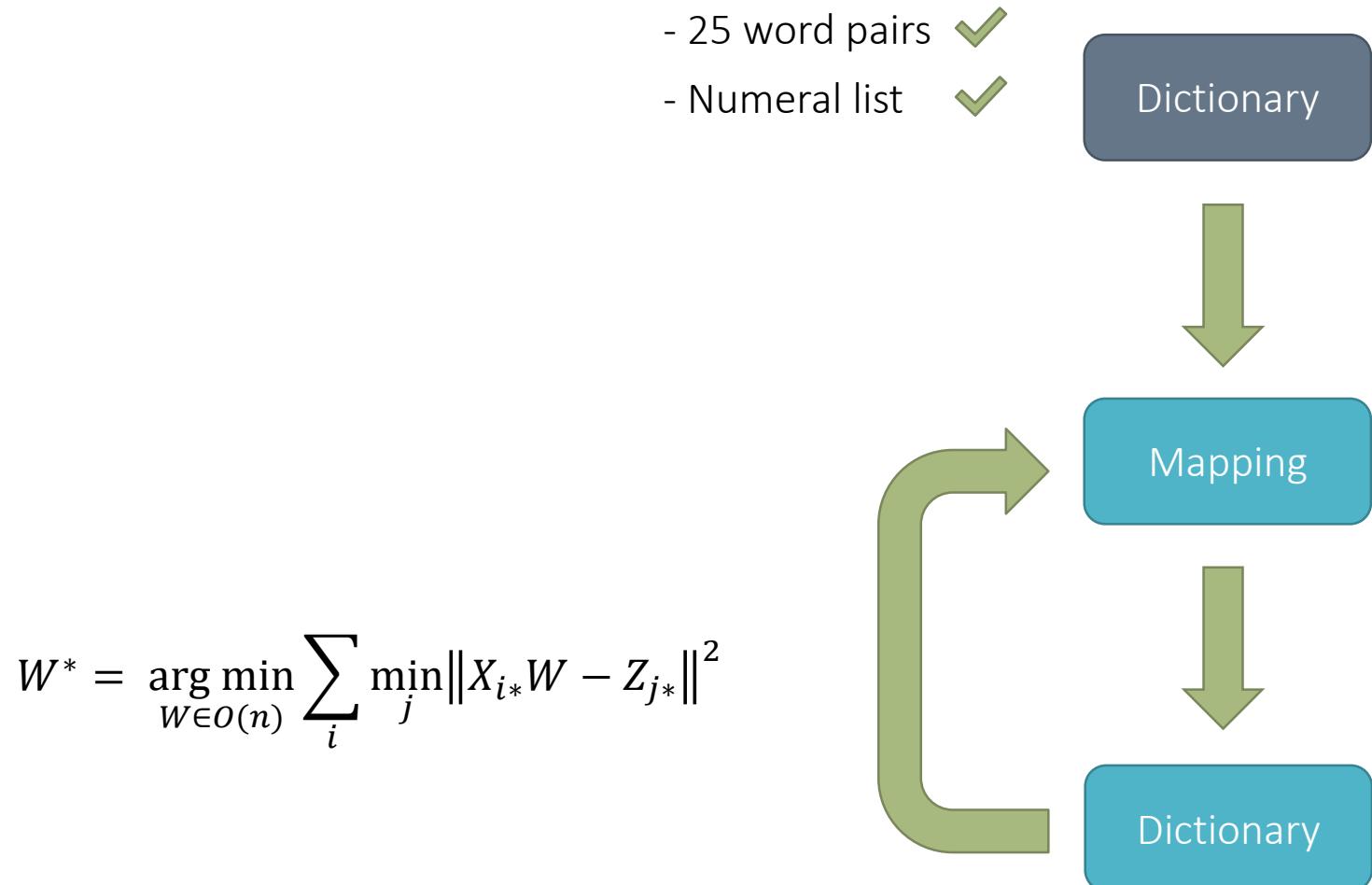
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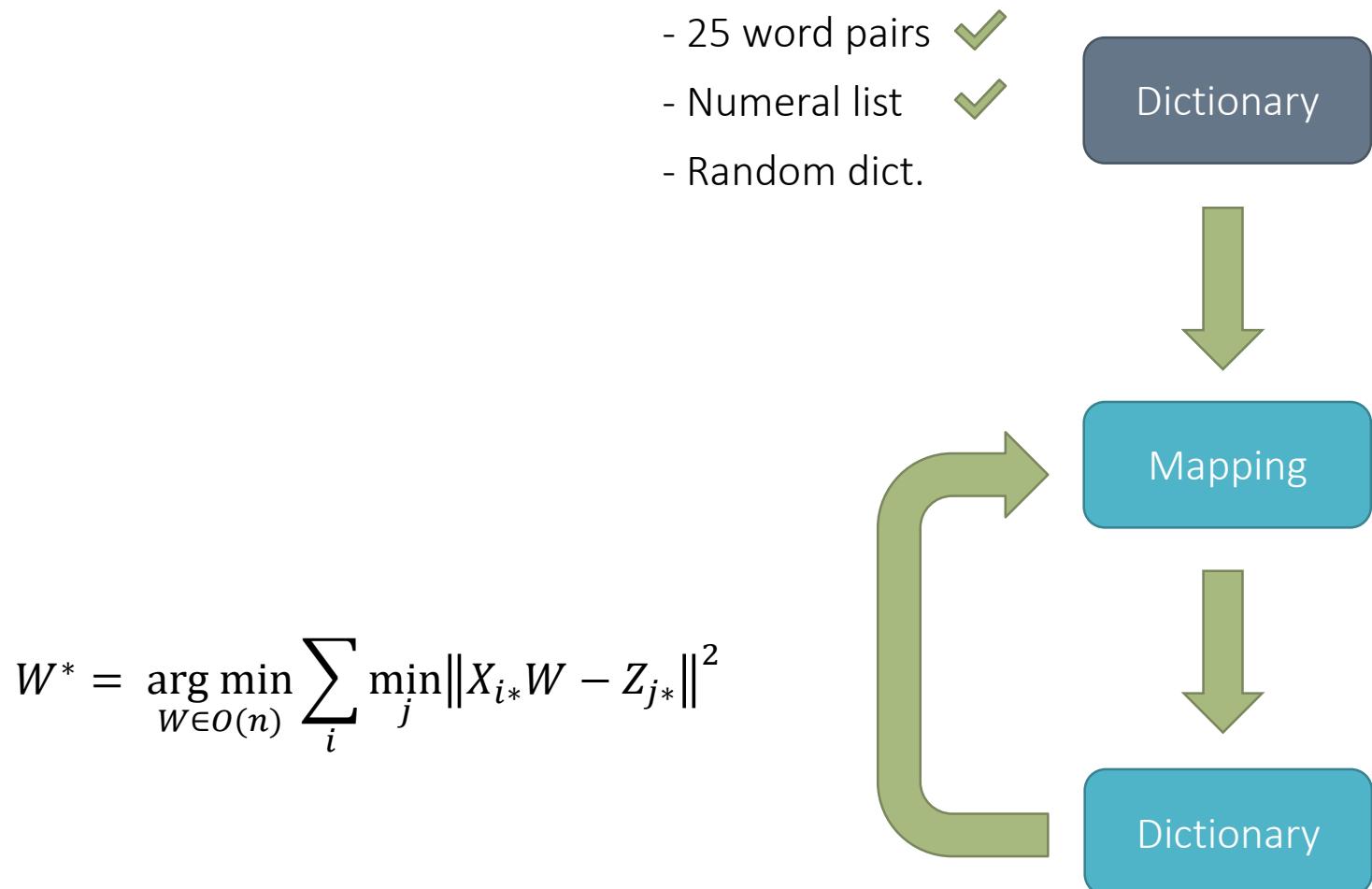
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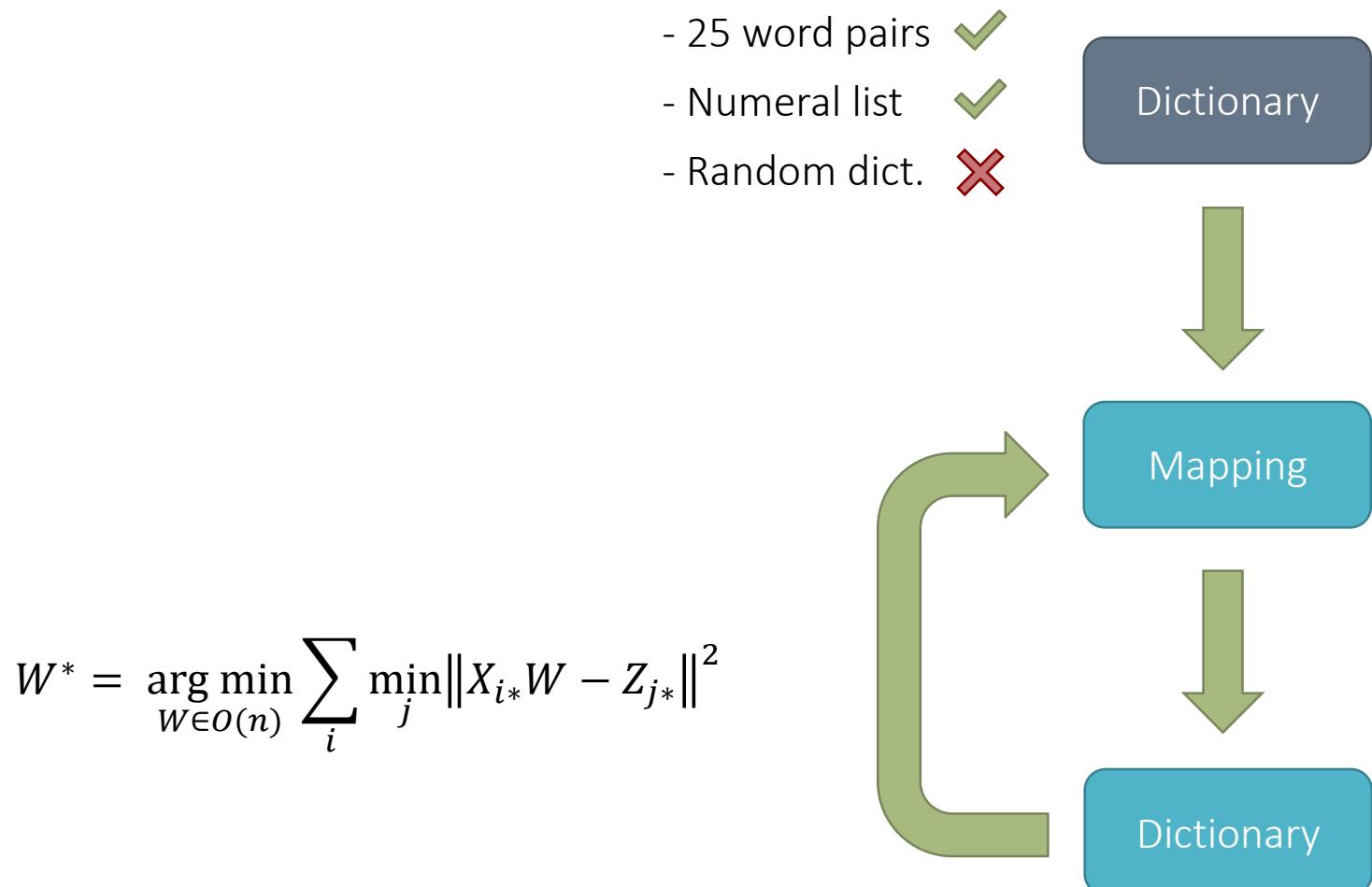
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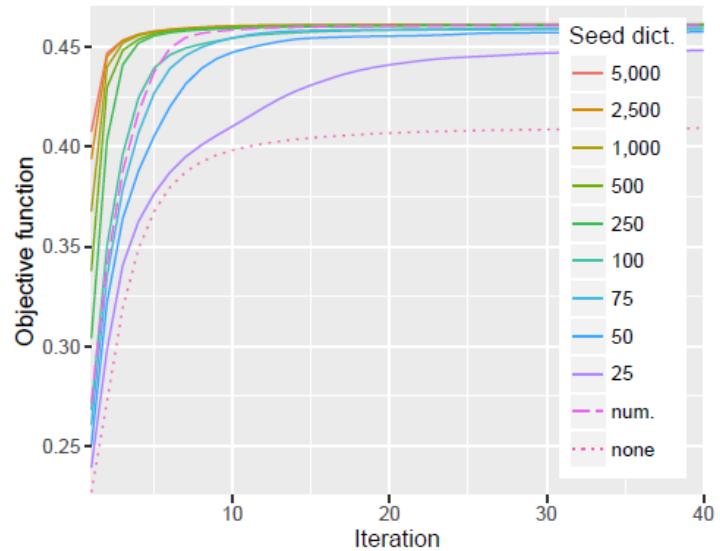
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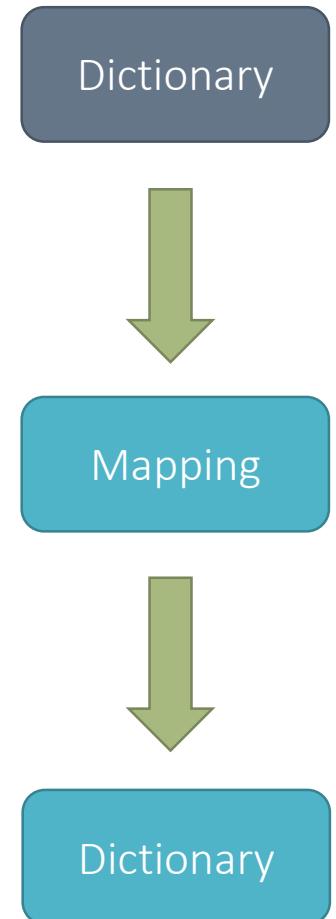
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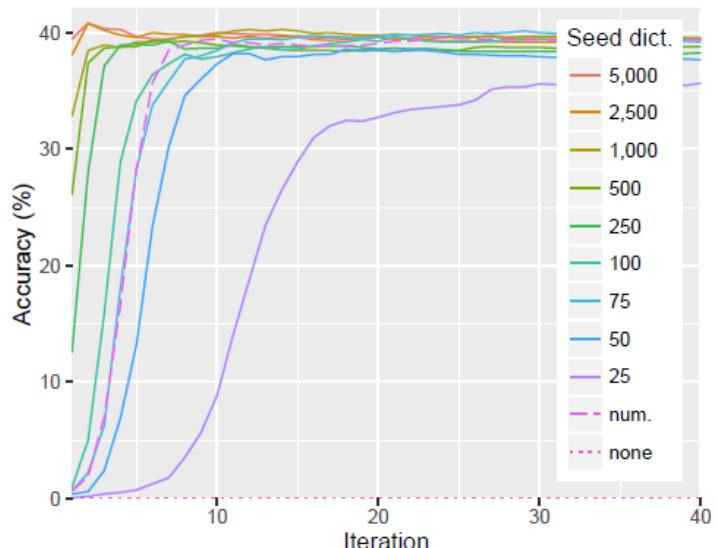
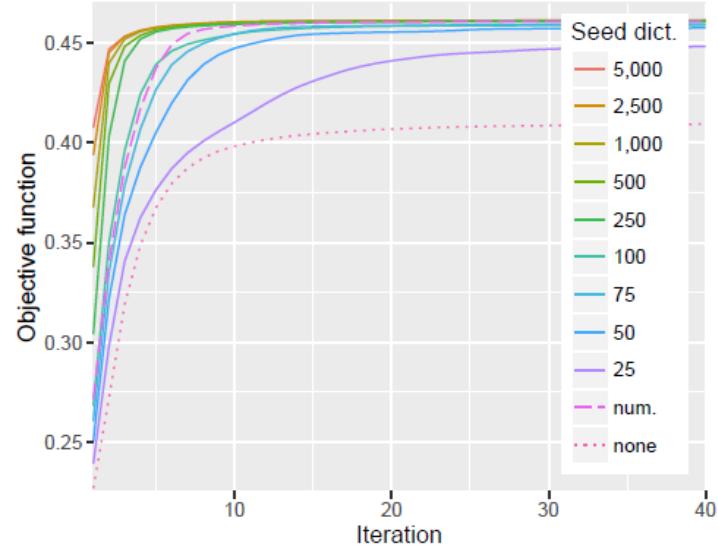


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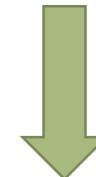
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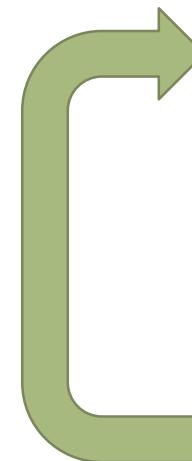


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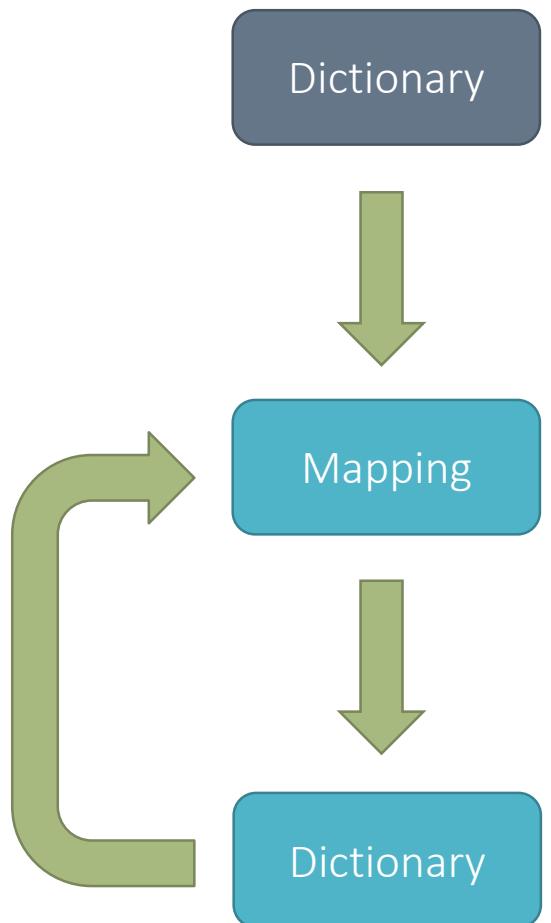


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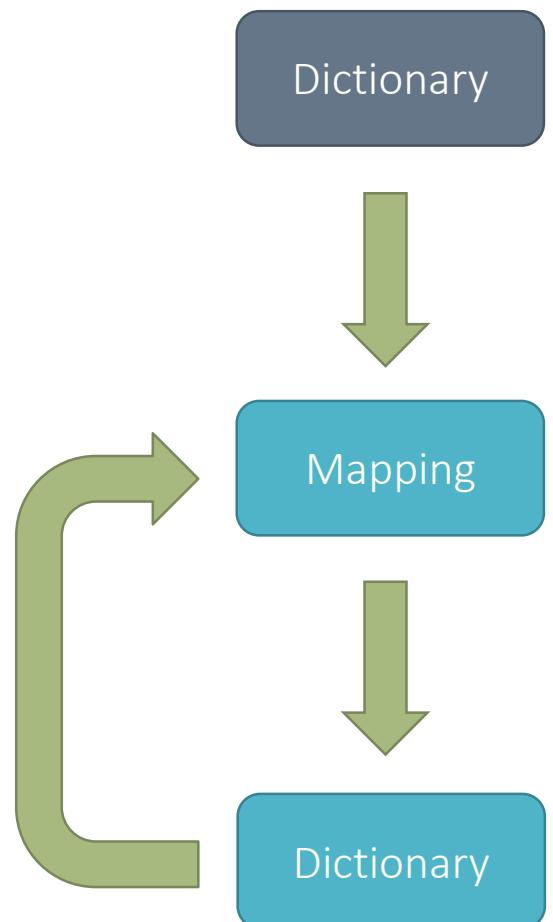
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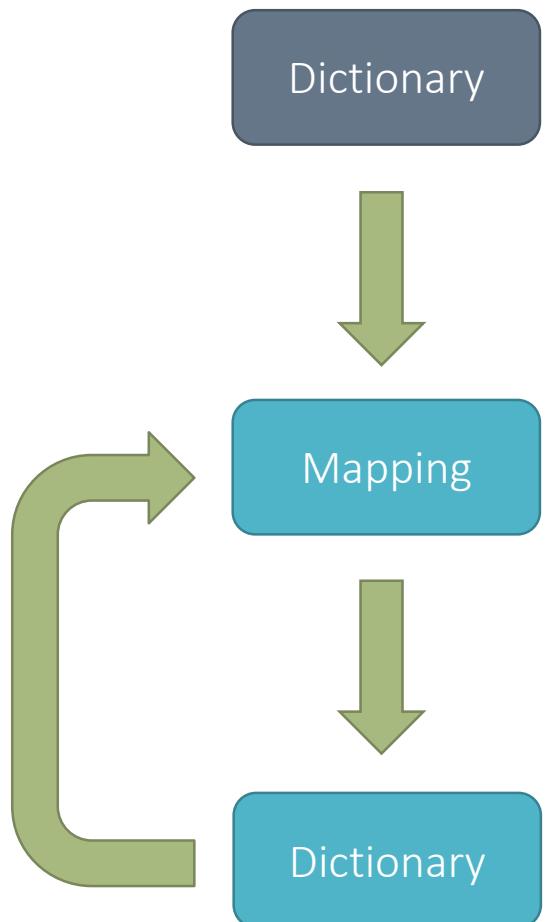
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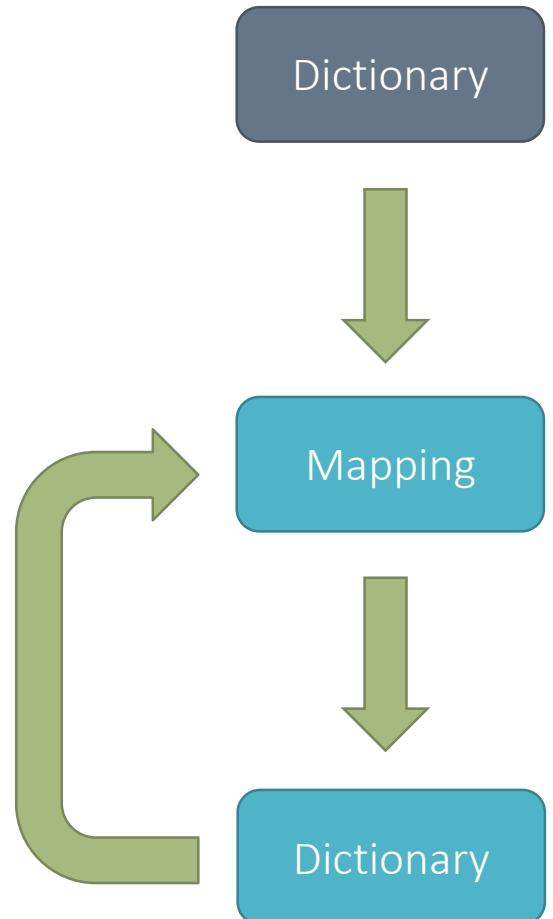
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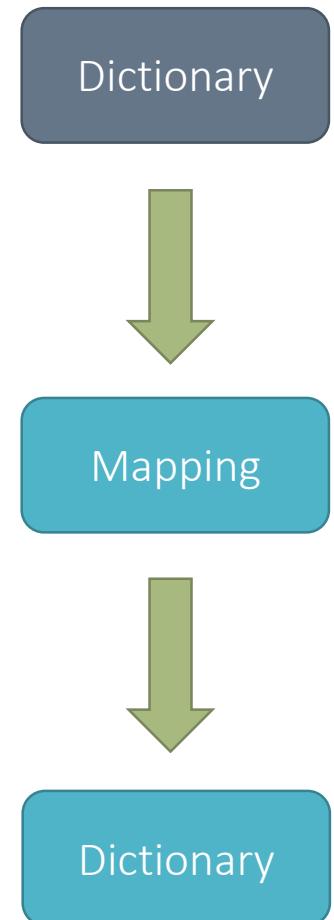
# Proposed method

## 1) Fully unsupervised initialization

English

Intra-lingual similarity distribution

## 2) Robust self-learning



# Proposed method

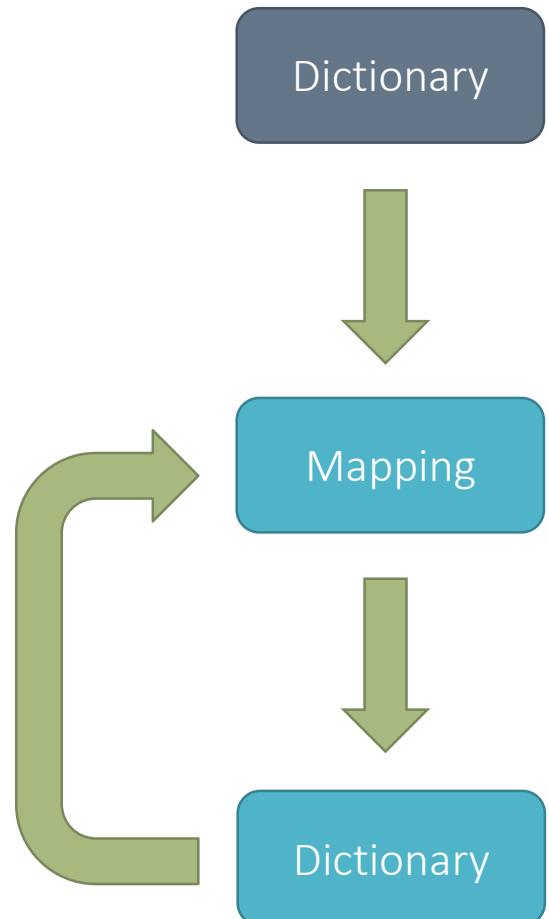
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English

two

Intra-lingual similarity distribution

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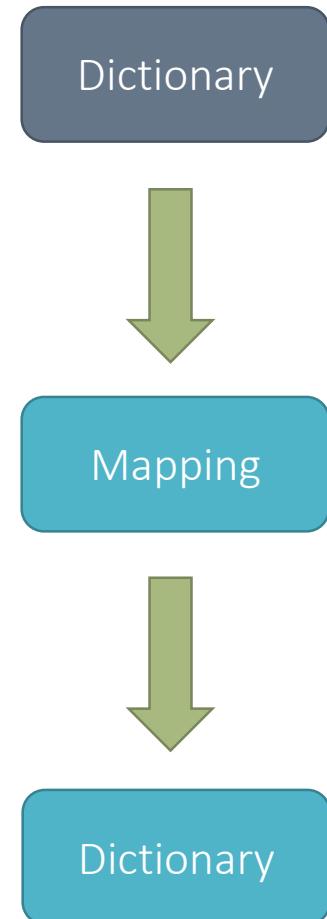
English

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for x in vocab:  
    sim("two", x)
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two

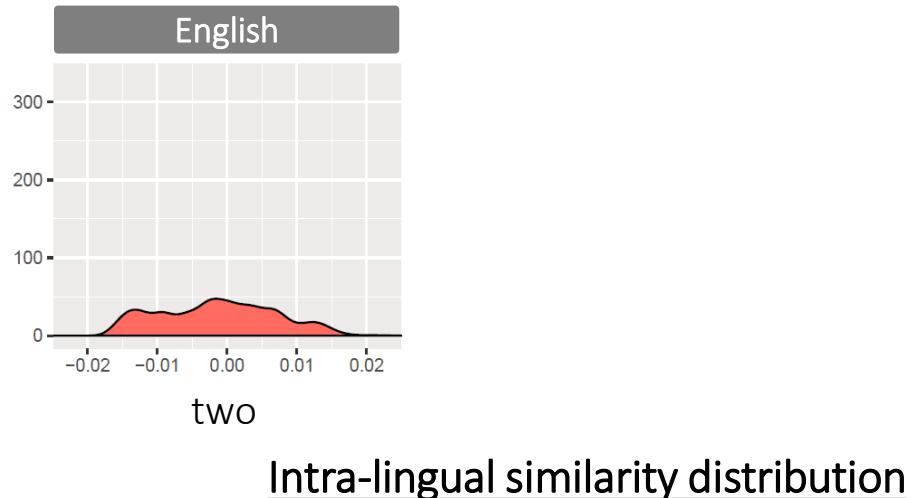
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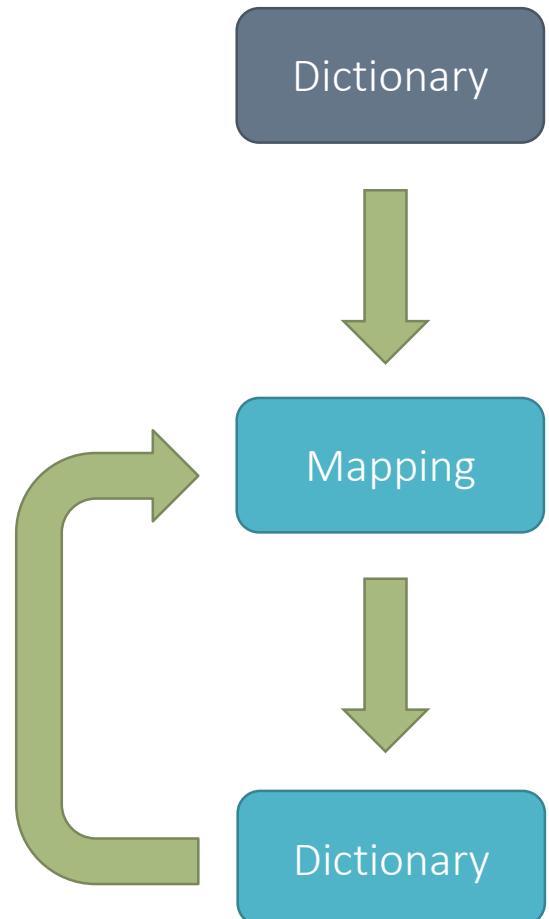


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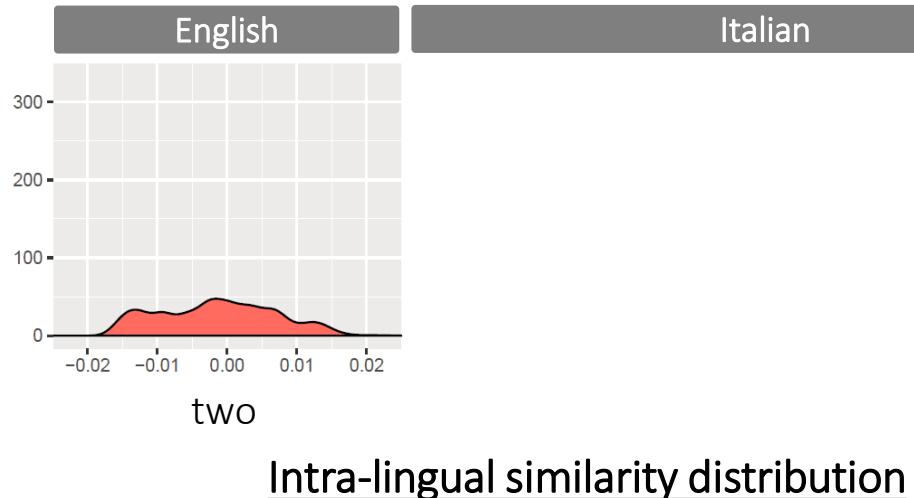


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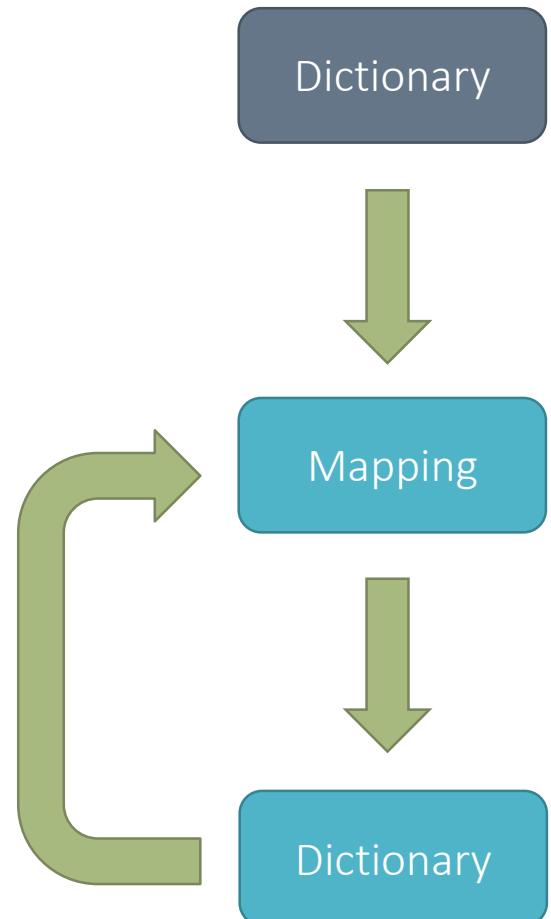


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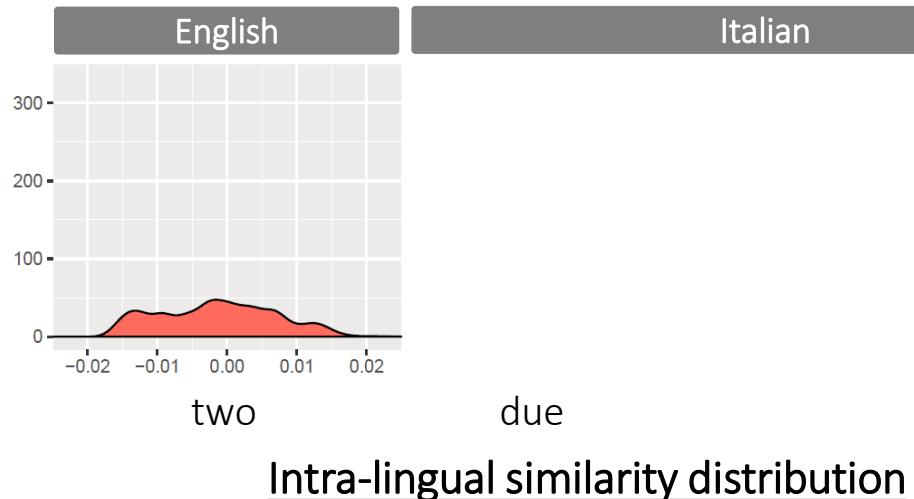


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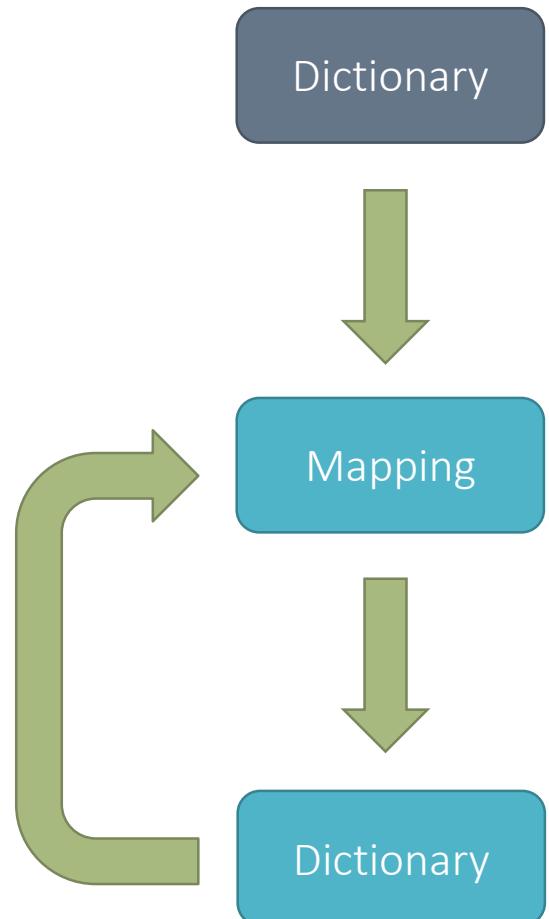


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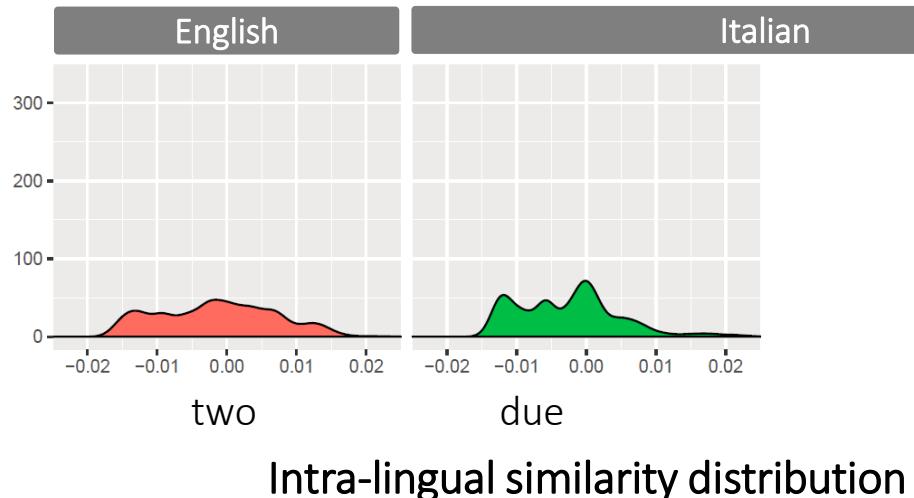


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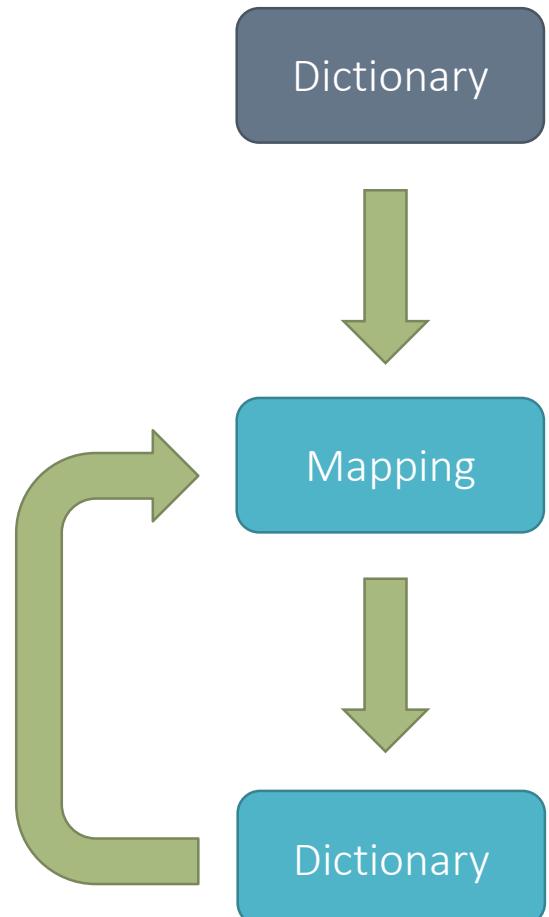


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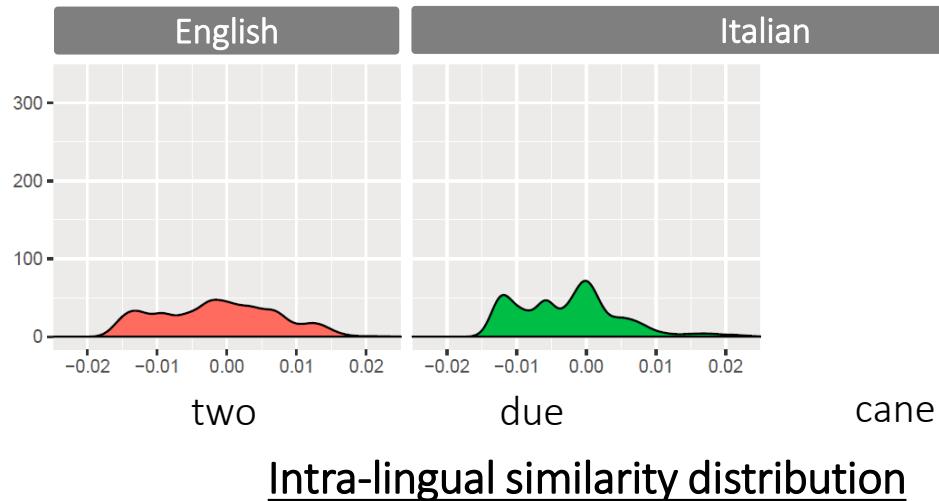


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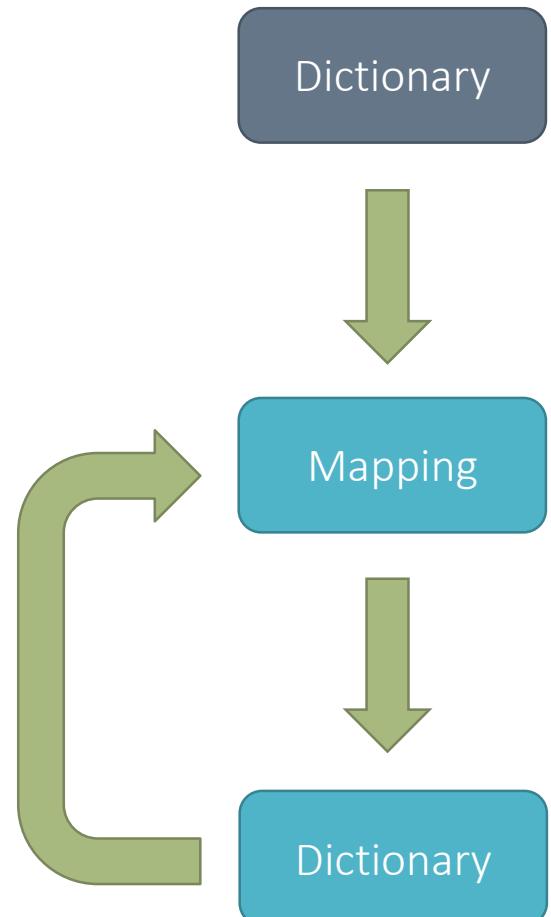


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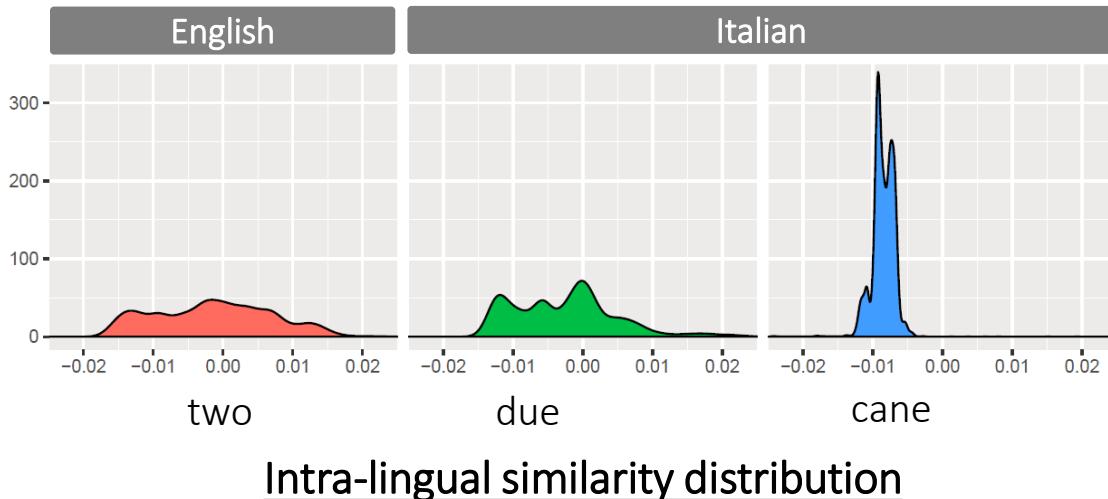


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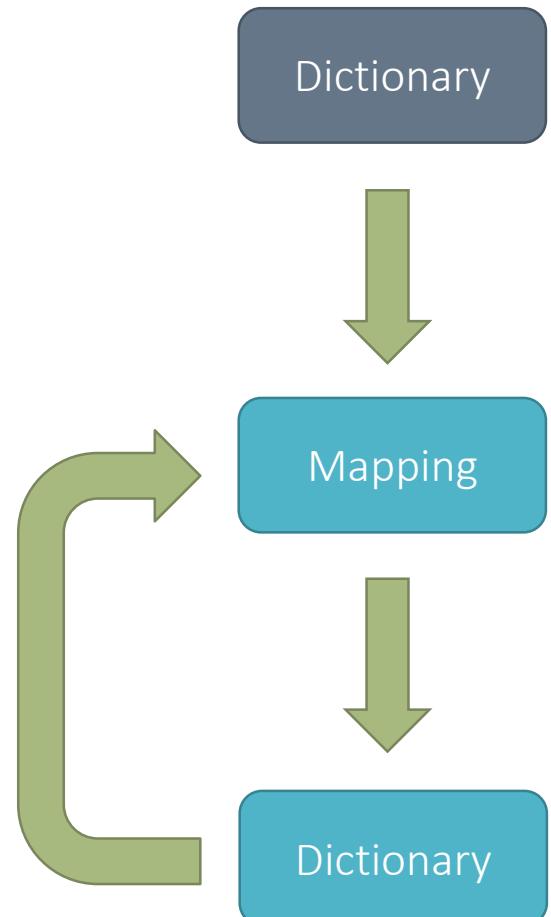


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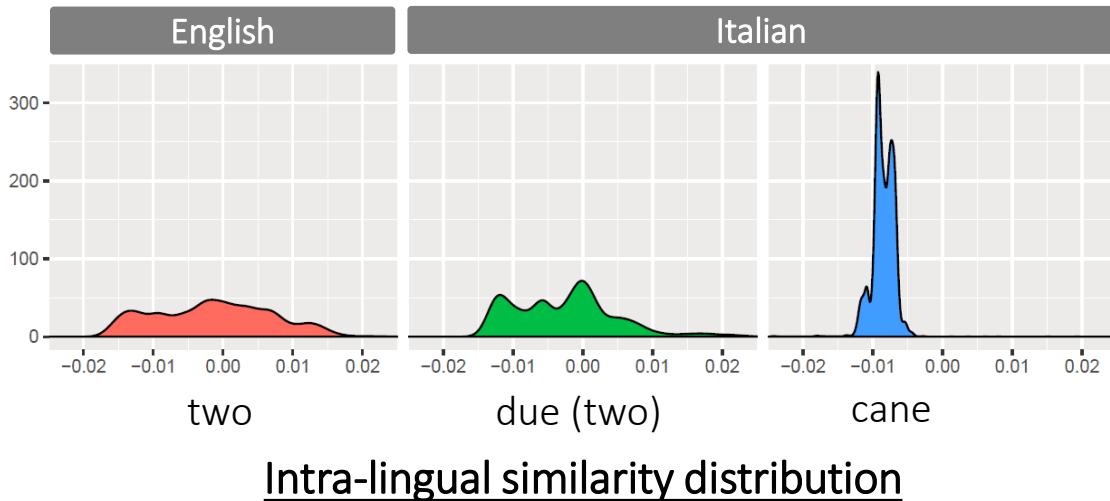


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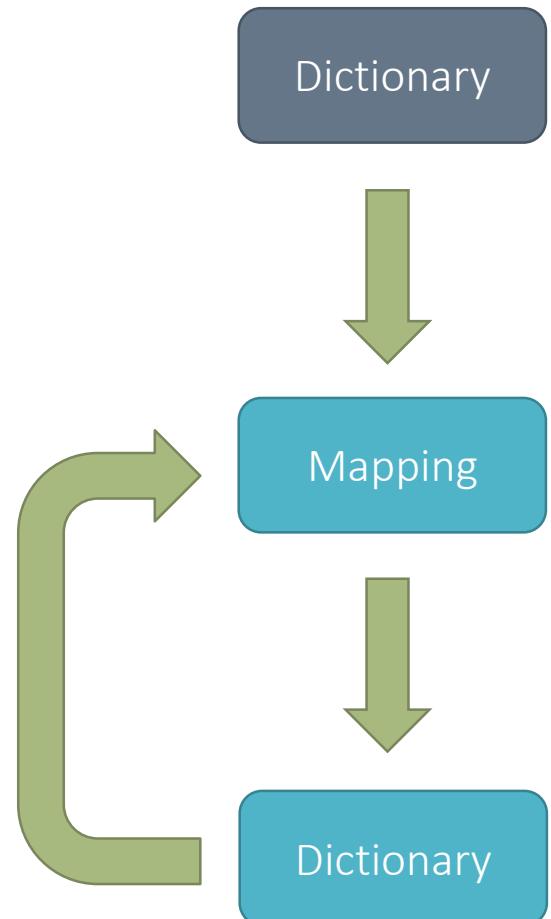


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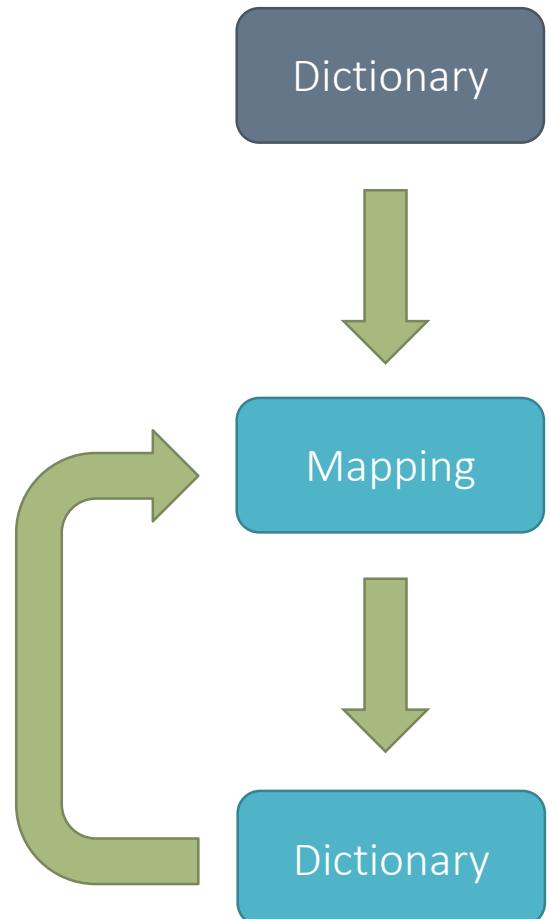
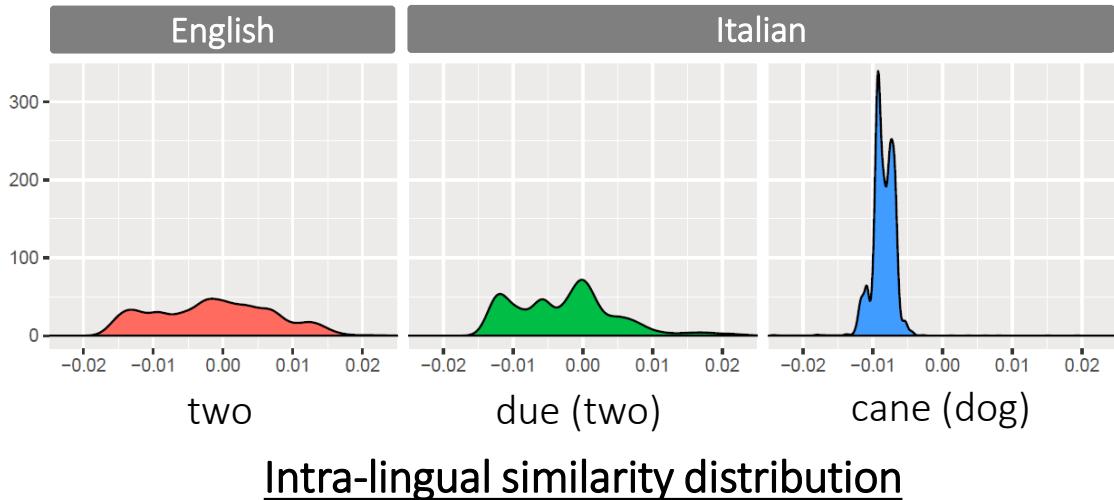


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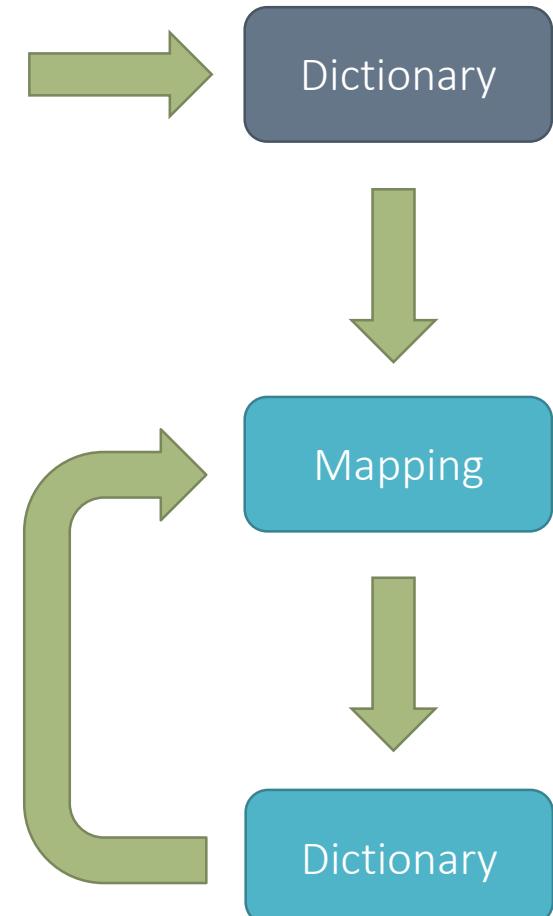
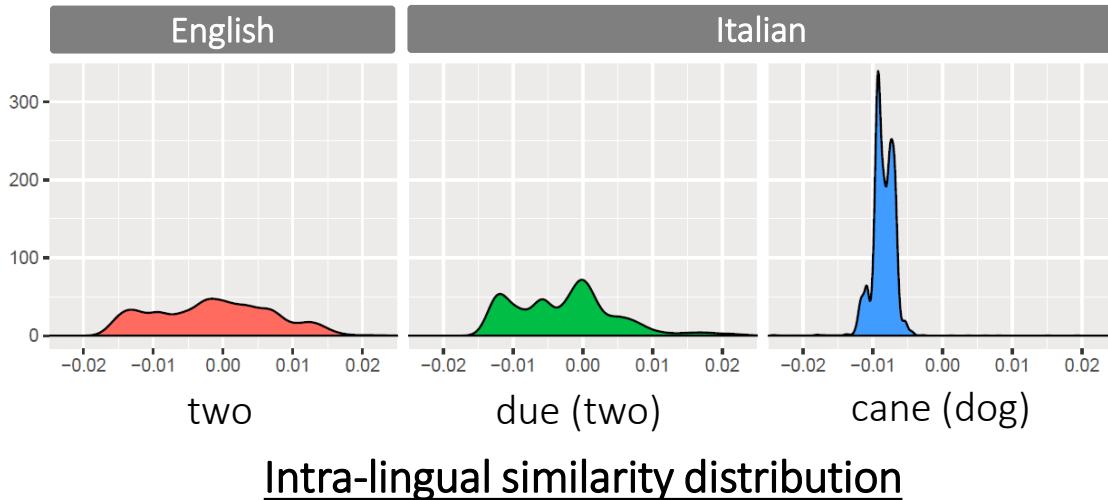
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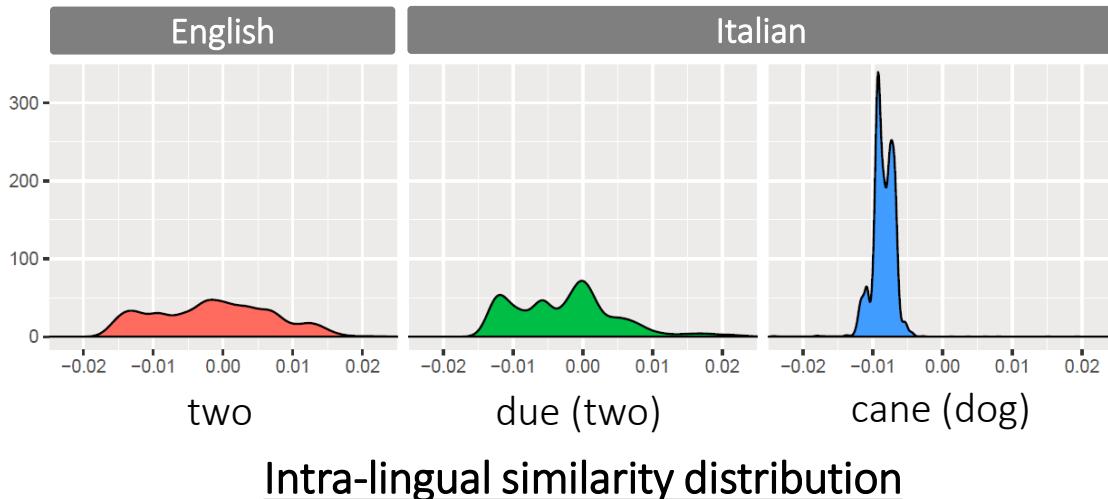
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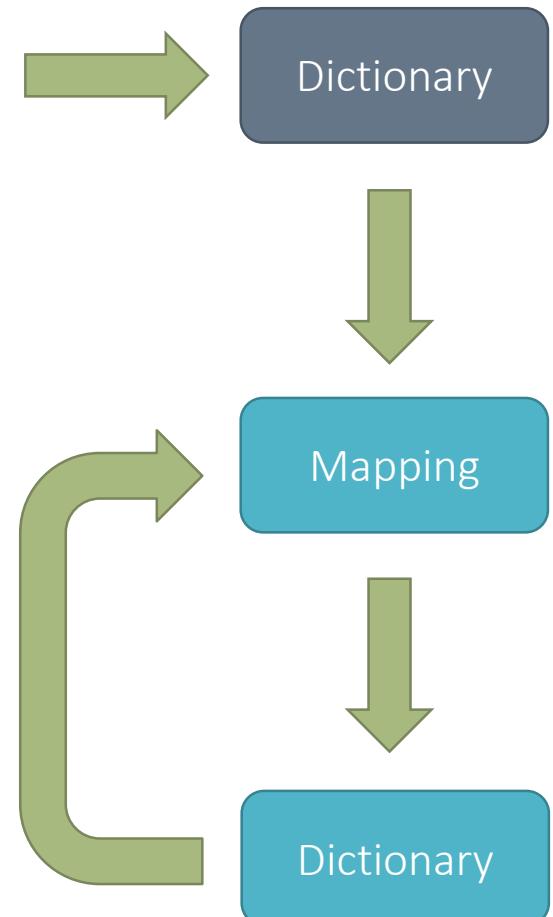
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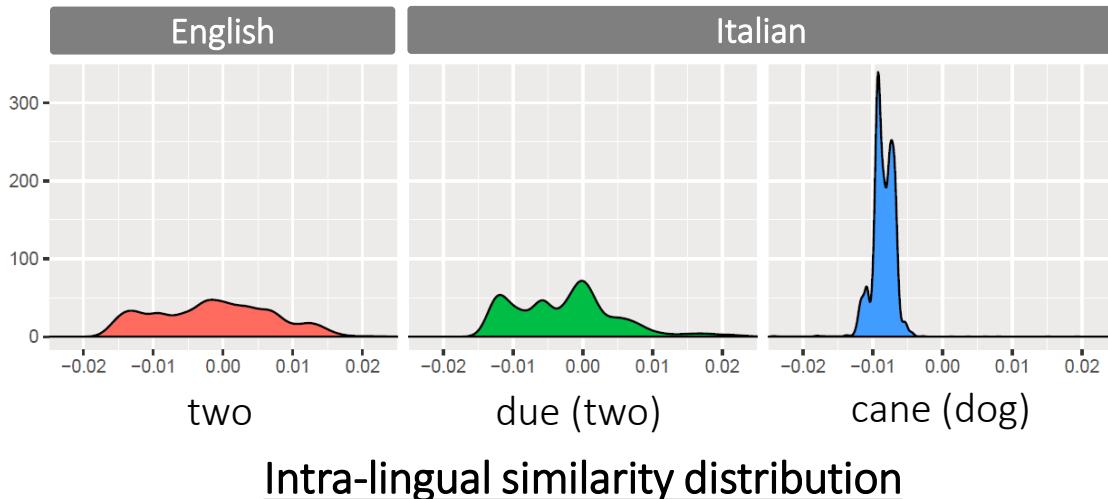
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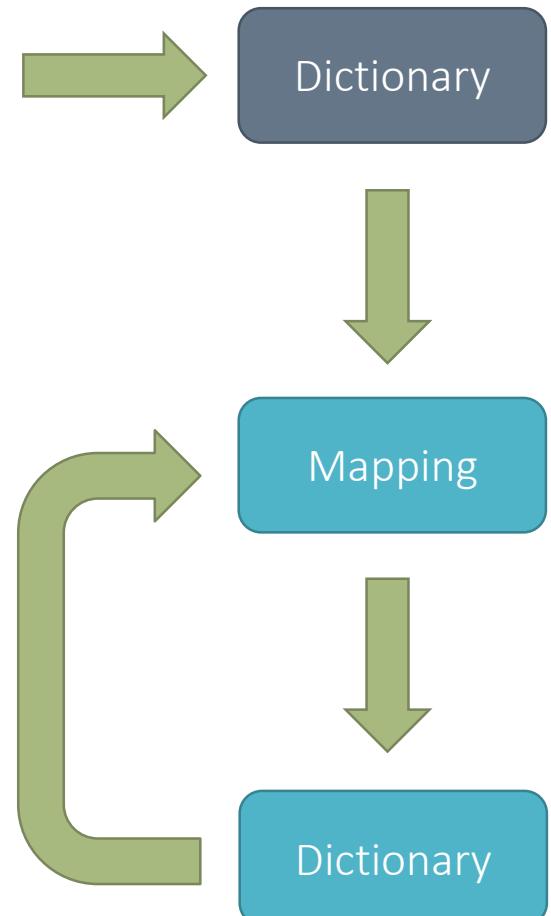
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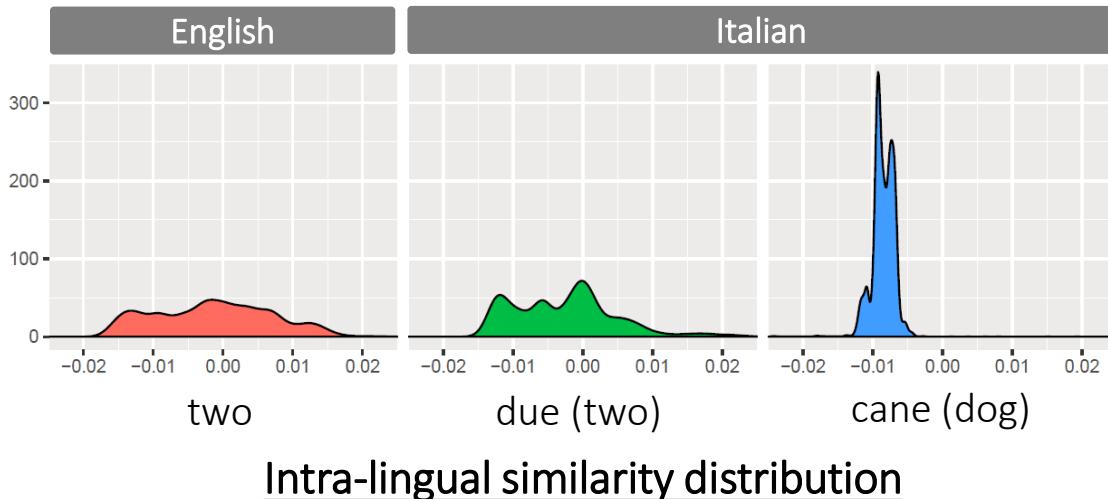
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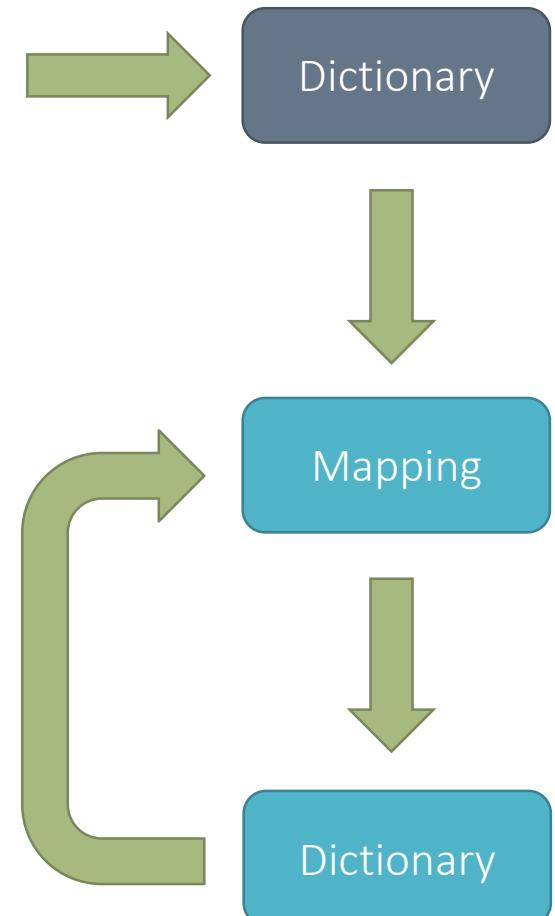
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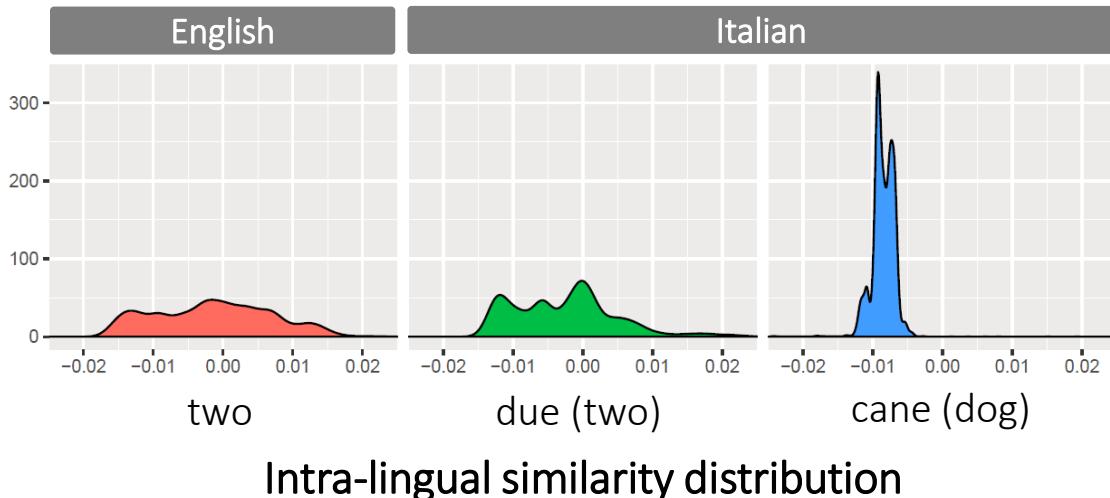
## 2) Robust self-learning

- Stochastic dictionary induction



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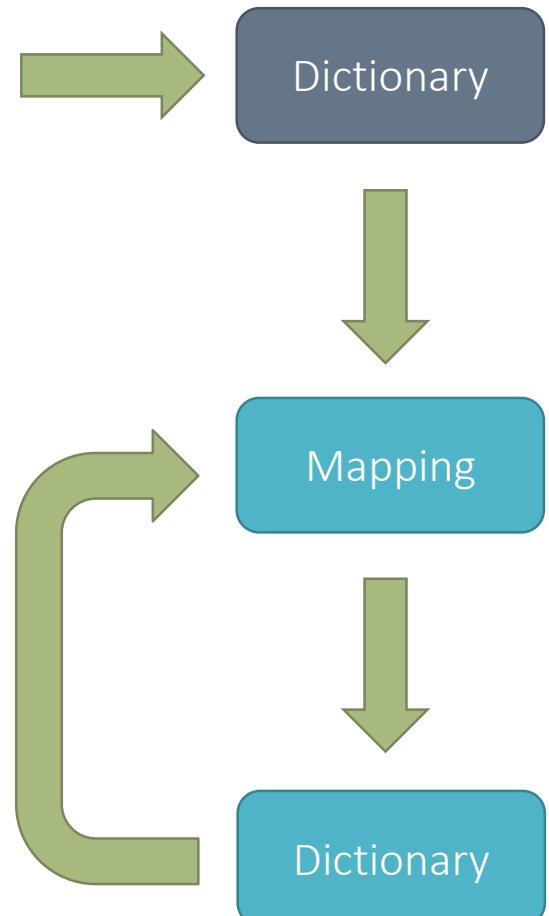
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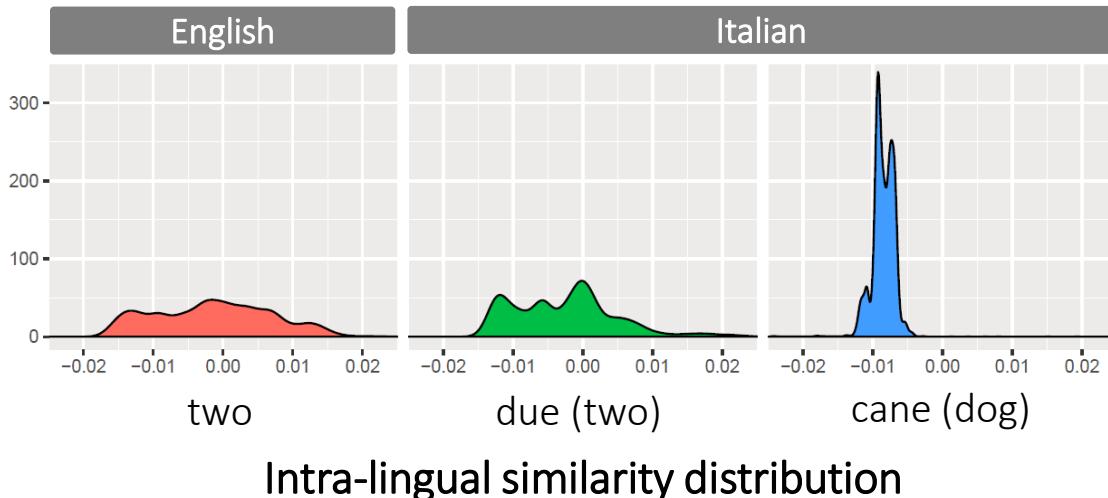
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- Stochastic dictionary induction
- Frequency-based vocabulary cutoff



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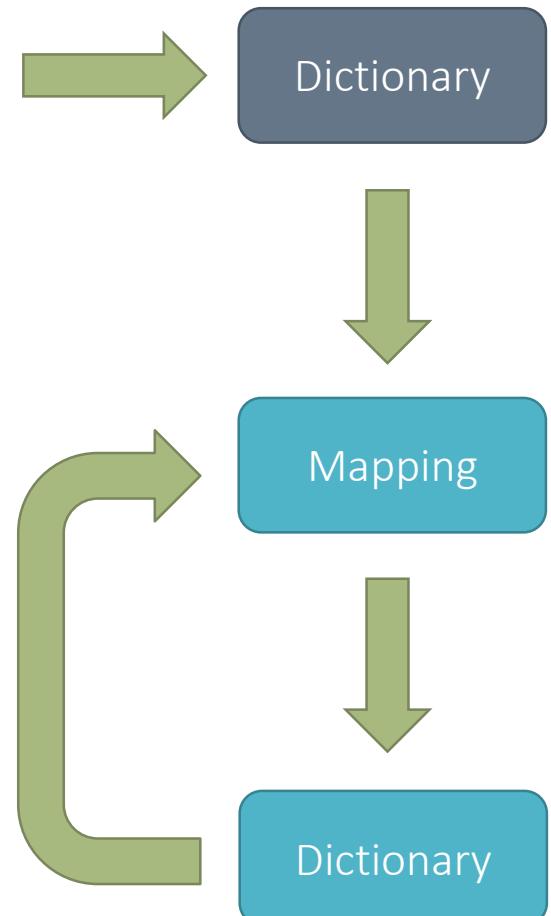
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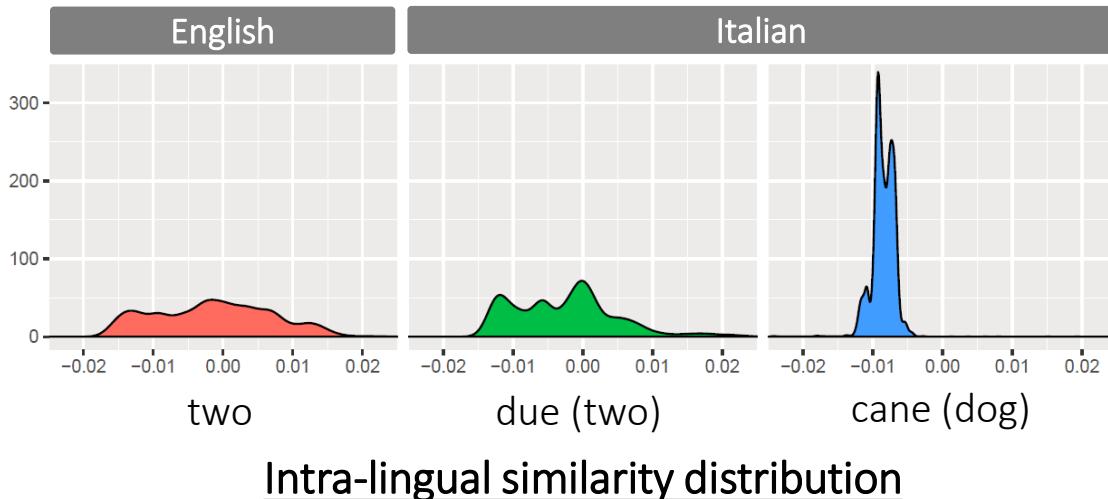
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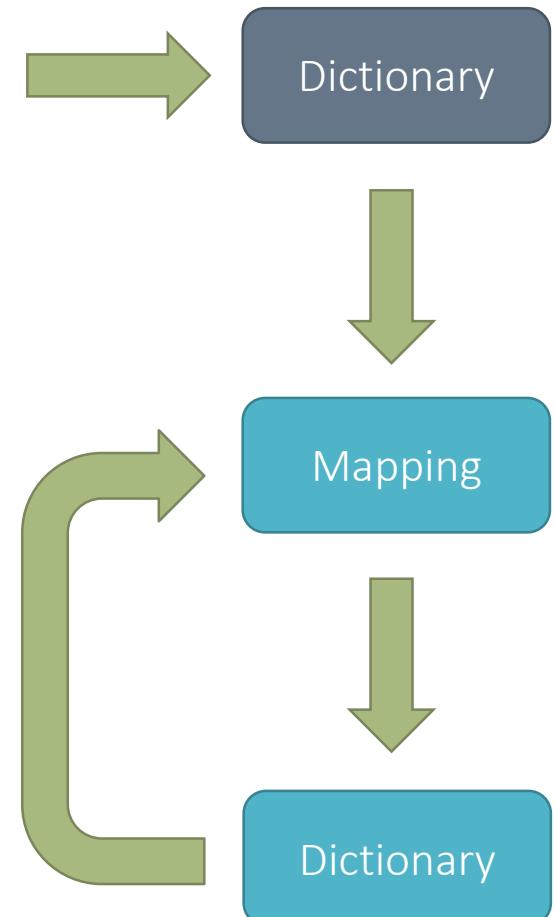
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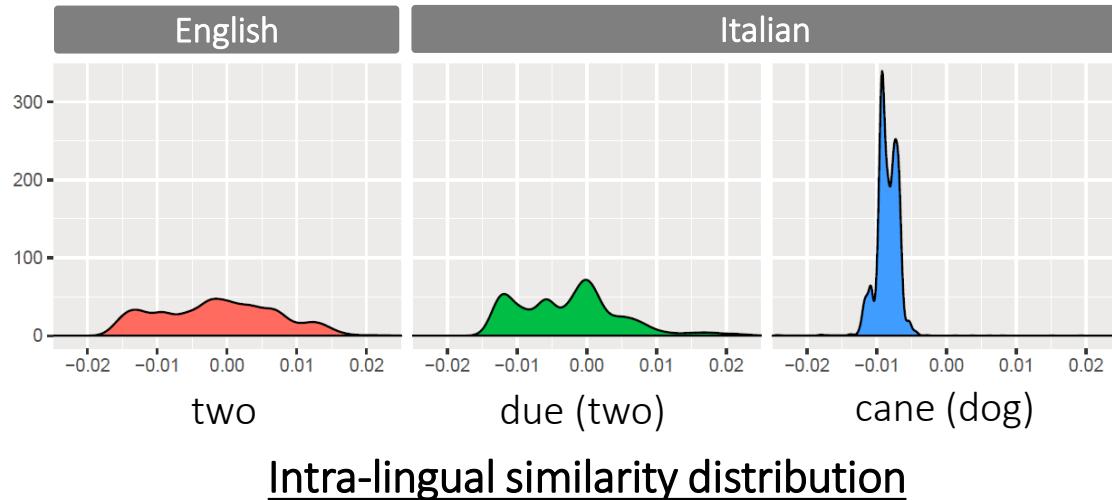
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- Bidirectional dictionary induction



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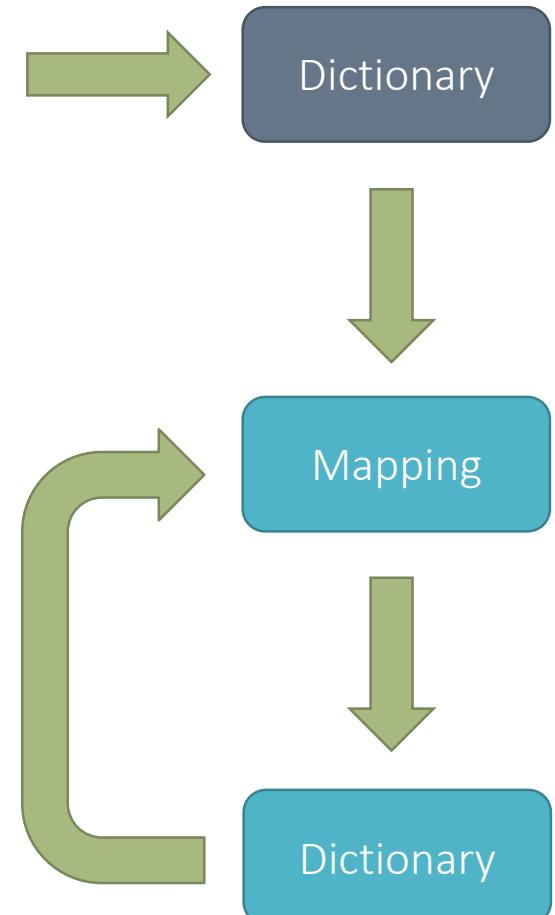
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Conneau et al. (2018), paper	75.81	60.22	16.48
Proposed method	<b>76.28</b>	66.92	<b>35.93</b>

Average accuracy (%)

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Conneau et al. (2018), paper	10	9	7
Proposed method	10	10	10

Number of successful runs

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Conneau et al. (2018), paper	2	0	0	2
Proposed method	10	10	10	10

Number of successful runs

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Supervision   Method

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Init.	Smith et al. (2017), cognates
heurist.	Artetxe et al. (2017), num.

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